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Robert Maudsley gives first interview in 50 years

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MUM, DAD & DAUGHTER DROWN

Zeina, 37, Hassan, 55, and Sara, 14

Flowers left at the beach at Shoreham yesterday

DAY TRIP TRAGEDY

Save Lives for Sam
Mirror

BY **PATRICK HILL**

THE father who drowned at the beach with his partner and teenage daughter was a refugee who fled Palestine a decade ago.

Hassan El-Khawas, 55, Zeina Alayn, 37, and Sara, 14, died at Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex, on Tuesday. The couple’s younger daughter is critically ill.

The Palestinian Forum in Britain said of their relatives: “The entire family are facing an unimaginable loss.”

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Father fled Palestine in hope... little sister now fights for life

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Joan's on Hurleyday

Famous friends enjoy a sunshine break on Mediterranean coast

BY **RISHMA DOSANI**

JOAN Collins welcomes Liz Hurley to her St Tropez pad for a sun-soaked getaway.

Screen legend Joan, 93, looked glamorous in a blue and white patterned outfit, paired with a sunhat and shades – before changing to a swimming costume for a dip with her guest.

The pair were also pictured sipping drinks together in the Mediterranean resort.

Liz, 61, was joined by boyfriend Billy Ray Cyrus, 64, and her son Damian, 24, for the trip.

The Austin Powers star thanked Joan and partner Percy Gibson, 61, for "the most enchanting holiday", adding: "We adore you."

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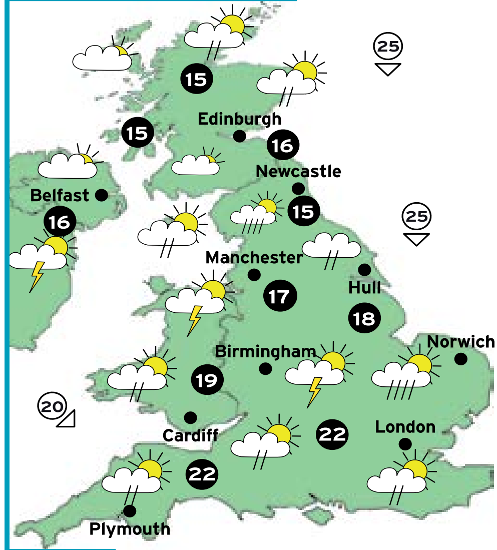
Liz, Billy, Damian and Joan enjoy their break. *Left*, Joan and Liz chat over drinks in the sun

Joan & Liz make a splash in the pool in St Tropez

THE WEATHER



TODAY Thunderstorms hit central England this afternoon

England experiences rain and showers in the morning, with thunderstorms in central regions in the afternoon. Evening sees mostly cloudy conditions, while night brings rain in the north west and sunny intervals elsewhere.

5-day forecast

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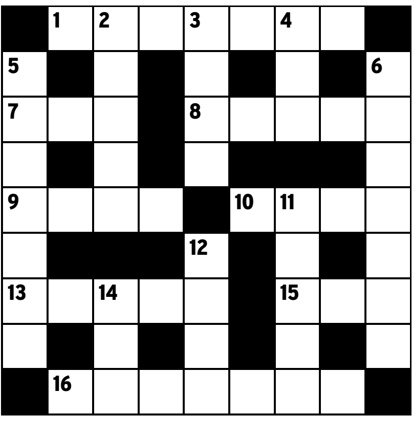

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- **15** Raincoat (3)
- **16** Lawlessness (7)

DOWN
- **2** Begin eating (3,2)
- **3** Peruse (4)
- **4** ___ Kelly, Aussie outlaw (3)
- **5** Mosquito-borne disease (7)
- **6** Fast-running bird (7)
- **11** Vigour (5)
- **12** German 'Mr' (4)
- **14** Boycott (3)

WEDNESDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 2 Miscue, **5** Biro, **6** Unclog, **7** Pall, **8** Des, **11** PBUH, **13** Lenska, **14** Ions, **15** Region. **Down: 1** Liza, **2** Mould, **3** Cull, **4** Eighth, **7** Poplar, **9** Spain, **10** Snag, **12** Ulna.

THE LOTTERY

LAST NIGHT'S LOTTO ROUND 1: 1, 6, 24, 32, 48, 54 **Bonus:** 9.

LOTTO ROUND 2: 4, 8, 10, 17, 23, 28 Bonus: 16. One winner of £4.4m jackpot in round 2.

THUNDERBALL: 2, 3, 11, 12, 24 Thunderball: 6. No winner of £500,000.

HEALTH LOTTERY: 5, 8, 24, 34, 39. **Bonus:** 20.

TUESDAY'S EUROMILLIONS: 3, 9, 38, 40, 50 Lucky Stars: 6 & 10. No winner of £31.9m.

HORROR AS MUM, DAD &

VICTIM
Mum Zeina Alayn was aged 37

VICTIM
Dad Hassan El-Khawas was 55

VICTIM
Daughter Sara El-Khawas was 14

It was meant to be a great family day out

Parents 'tried to rescue girl' as trip turned to tragedy

BY **PATRICK HILL** and
BENEDICT TETZLAFF-DEAS

THE family who tragically drowned at the beach this week were on a seaside day out when they got into difficulty in the water, it was revealed yesterday.

Hassan El-Khawas, 55, a Palestinian refugee, his partner Zeina Alayn, 37, and their daughter Sara, 14, were declared dead at Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex, after entering the water shortly before 3pm on Tuesday.

The couple's younger daughter, who is believed to be aged just six, last night remained in critical condition in hospital.

Adnan Hmidan, chairman of the Palestinian Forum in Britain, said the situation unfolded after Sara encountered difficulty in the sea and her father rushed in to help.

He added: "As the waves and currents intensified, her mother, Zeina Alayn, also entered the water to try to save them, followed by their younger daughter. Sadly, the conditions proved overwhelming."

Mr Hmidan said the family's two other children were on the shore at the time and are now being cared for by a relative.

He added: "Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family, particularly the children, who are facing an unimaginable loss." The PFB announced the victims' deaths and released photographs of them.

Mr Hmidan said the family are British citizens of Palestinian origin with roots in Lebanon's Rashidieh refugee camp. He told the BBC: "Like many Palestinian families, members of their extended family have lived in Britain for many years and have built a close-knit community here."

The Palestinian Embassy said it is in touch with a relative.

It added: "The whole family is in a rough situation mentally – very, very bad."

A spokesman said: "What's important, the most, especially, [is] that I think this is considered a national tragedy, losing three British Palestinians at such a time."

The victims, who lived in a two-bed flat in Harlesden, North West London, arrived at the beach less than an hour before tragedy struck. A parking ticket for their SUV was valid from 1.58pm until 6pm. Neighbour Sam Gaitos told us: "They were friendly. They were good neighbours – never any issues. We rarely talked about personal things – just a 'hi' and a smile.

Officer with an evidence bag

"But one time, he gave me a fresh eel. Sometimes they had guests, especially during Ramadan, for a party upstairs.

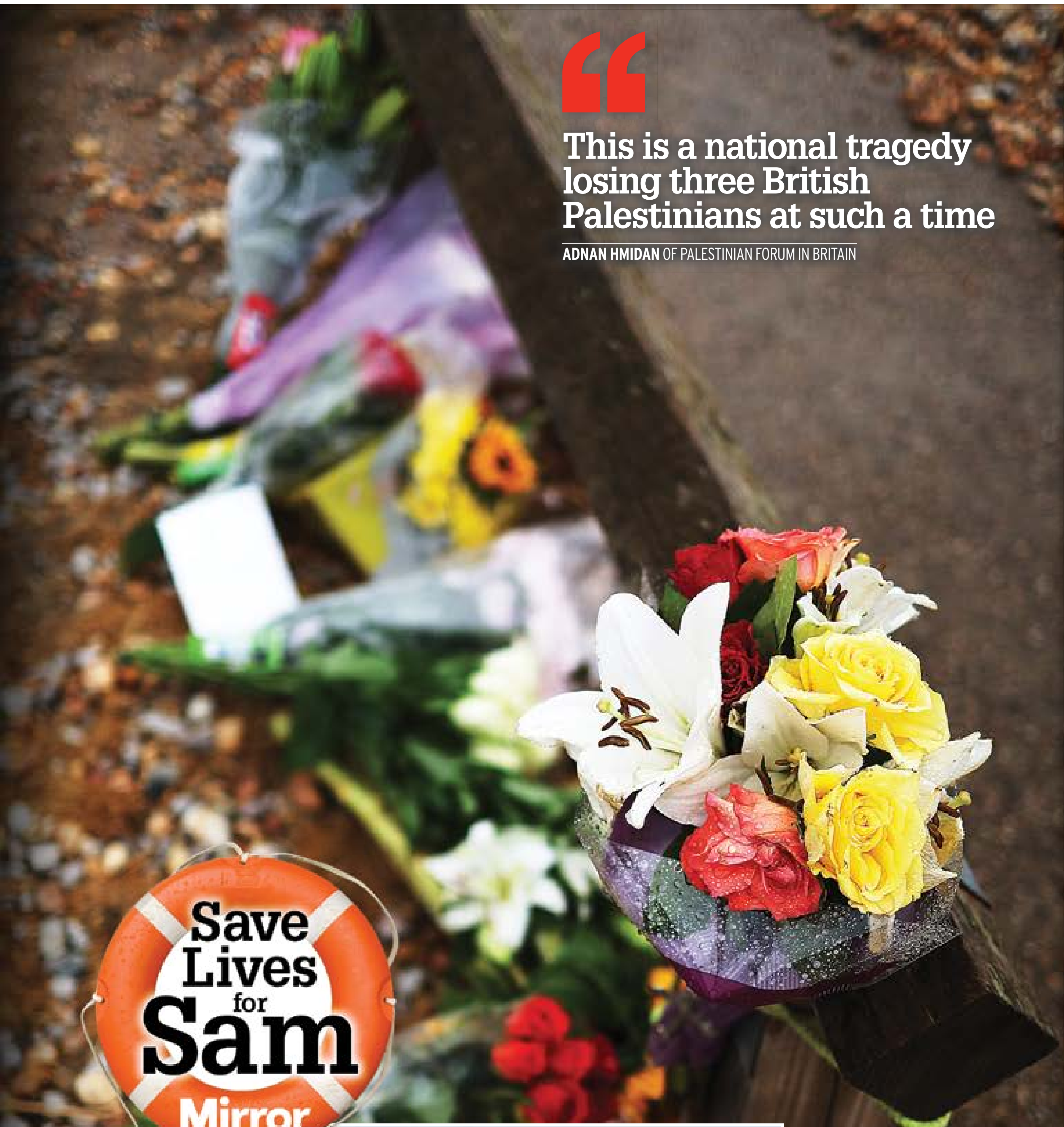
"It's very shocking because I just saw them last Sunday. I saw the mother and the eldest one coming out when I was watering plants in the back garden. It's so sad to hear."

Sam added: "Hassan was a lovely man and I often saw him in the shared garden. I saw him a couple of days ago and he said they were going down to the seaside for a day trip.

"They've been in the flat for quite a few years. Two of their youngest were born since they've been living there. What's happened is devastating."

Another neighbour, who gave his name as Ahmed, said: "They were in a refugee camp before coming to the UK which was more than 10 years ago. Hassan worked as a builder and was a down-to-earth guy who was always smiling and friendly." Flowers were left

TEEN DIE IN LATEST DROWNINGS



> This is a national tragedy losing three British Palestinians at such a time
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> **ADNAN HMIDAN** OF PALESTINIAN FORUM IN BRITAIN

Alert at Shoreham-by-Sea and, above, floral tributes

near Shoreham-by-Sea's RNLI station following a huge emergency services response, which included at least five police cars, seven ambulances, two air ambulances, coastguard rescue teams and three lifeboats.

Local Anna Peacock, 81, said: "It was terribly sad to know just across the road people have lost their lives. People come to swim, particularly in summertime. I don't think they realise there's a riptide. The tide could carry you out in seconds."

Joss Loader, who represents Shoreham Beach Residents' Association on Adur district council, said: "There's just a really strong sense of shock, obviously people are really concerned for the young girl."

It is the latest drowning tragedy after at least 43 people died in open water since the first spell of hot weather in mid-May.

The Mirror's Save Lives for Sam campaign, inspired by 2021 drowning victim Sam Haycock, 16, demands a Sam's Law to make safety equipment near high-risk areas legally mandatory. PM Andy Burnham, who has backed our campaign, called the latest deaths a "terrible family tragedy".

Yesterday he said the government can always do more on water safety, adding: "The thing I can say today – and there is still, I think, a further heatwave to come – it is just to remind people about the dangers of open water swimming."

The ordeal began near Shoreham Fort amid rough conditions due to strong winds.

One of the tributes left at a vigil yesterday read: "Our thoughts are with all the family and friends. RIP". Speaking next to them, Tom Rutland, Labour MP for East Worthing and Shoreham, said: "The thoughts of everybody here are with the family and friends of the three family members who sadly died, and we're all hoping the young girl makes a full recovery."

Jane Bartlett, associate vicar of the Church of the Good Shepherd, said: "As a community and as a church, we're all holding everyone involved in this in our prayers."

Chief Supt James Collis said: "The events of Tuesday afternoon are a heartbreaking tragedy which has devastated a family and their friends and had a profound impact on the Shoreham community. The thoughts of all at Sussex Police remain with the family's loved ones as we work with our partners, including HM Coroner, to understand exactly how this incident occurred."

A police spokesman added: "The investigation into the incident remains open but following review of CCTV footage and initial witness accounts, the current hypothesis is that this was a tragic accident, with no third-party involvement."

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VOICE OF THE MIRROR: PAGE 10

Robbie and dad Gareth, who drowned in the sea in 2021

We need action now to save lives, says grieving son

BY **LUCY THORNTON**

A MAN whose dad drowned in the sea is urging the Prime Minister to appoint a water safety minister urgently in the wake of the latest tragedy.

Robbie Jones, 30, lost his dad Gareth, 69, off Hove, East Sussex, in 2021.

The spot where he died is just minutes down the coast from Tuesday's deaths in Shoreham.

Backing the Mirror's Save Lives for Sam campaign, he said it took just a minute for Gareth to drown after he went into the sea to save the family cockapoo, Connie.

Robbie said: "This is a really shocking incident and it brings it all back very vividly."

Since the tragedy, Robbie has become a water safety advocate, visiting schools to spread the message. He is asking to meet Andy Burnham, saying: "Words won't save people's lives – actions will, Prime Minister."

Robbie pointed out the PM recently appointed Baroness Blake of Leeds as fire minister to tackle wildfires blazing across the country, and called on him to appoint a water safety minister too.

He said: "I would like to arrange a meeting, let's get something done here.

"Let's not have another year like this, many of these drownings, if not all of them, were totally avoidable and many of them happening to our young people. We need real action. I know Andy Burnham is a decent guy. I had a few weeks' work experience with him at Westminster when I was 18 years old. And I know he's a really generous and compassionate guy.

"It was gut-wrenching last night when I heard the news come through.

"When you hear of the tragedy and all being from the same family, it hit me hard, it's horrible news. We had one drowning in one family and to have three in one family is unimaginable.

Robbie with PM Burnham

"It makes me feel like I'm failing. Five and a half years ago I started trying to get the message out but the numbers are going the wrong way. It makes me feel like I've got to redouble my efforts.

"I have memories of playing in Shoreham and it's regarded as a pretty safe beach.

"This is a reminder that it can happen in any circumstances.

"It would have been my dad's birthday on Friday. He would have been 75. He should still be here."

A national strategy was launched in England last month. Among the measures being considered are providing every child with water safety education and swimming lessons; establishing how climate change can increase risks; and media campaigns to inform bystanders how to respond to a drowning.

BRITAIN’S LONGEST-SERVING

I have to be honest ... I could kill again

SERIAL KILLER
Robert Maudsley killed four men

Hear killer’s voice
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EXCLUSIVE
BY **JEREMY ARMSTRONG**

BRITAIN’S longest-serving prisoner admits he could kill again in his first interview in 50 years.

Robert Maudsley has spent a world record 17,500 consecutive days locked in solitary confinement after killing three fellow detainees – all child abusers or sex offenders.

Rumours he had eaten some of the brain of one victim turned out not to be true, but this did not stop him being compared to Silence of the Lambs’ cannibal killer Hannibal Lecter.

Speaking to the Mirror from his cell at HMP Whitemoor, Cambs, Maudsley, who says he was abused as a child, says: “I have to be honest and say that if I had the opportunity to harm a sex offender then I would do so.

“If I met someone who had sexually abused me, I would do my best to kill them.

“When I went back to Liverpool, I had the desire to kill both my parents, and then I had the desire to harm myself.

“I wanted to get my own back, including on my father, and I visualised killing my parents.”

Maudsley has now served 52 years behind bars, and was once described as the most dangerous prisoner in the UK penal system.

In an hour-long interview, Maudsley said he told his prison psychologist Dr Bob Johnson that his father abused him and locked him in a cupboard under the stairs at the family home.

He adds: “We called them the drunk and the witch. We referred to them by those names rather than as mother and father.

“I do have the possibility to kill again, but with therapy, I think that I could overcome that.”

Maudsley, Prisoner A9888AA, was first sent to Broadmoor high-security hospital in 1974 for the manslaughter of child abuser John Farrell.

In 1977, he killed another patient, convicted child molester David Francis.

He was then moved to HMP Wakefield, where the following year he murdered killer and sex offender Salney Darwood and child molester William Roberts. After the killings, on the same day, he calmly told a prison guard: “You’ll be two down on the roll call.”

PSYCHOLOGICAL

Deemed too dangerous for a normal cell, Maudsley, now 73, was kept behind a perspex screen in a purpose-built basement unit, reinforcing the comparisons to Anthony Hopkins’ Lecter from the 1991 movie.

He was seen as such a risk that he had to stick his feet out of a gap at the bottom of his door to have his toenails clipped, and he grew his hair and beard long.

“On the high-security unit at Wakefield, when they built them, the cell door opened flush to the wall,” Maudsley recalls.

“About two feet in front of the cell door, there was a barred gate with Perspex so I could not throw anything at the guards. It was like a normal cell except down the centre of it, there was a TV shared with the cell next door.

“It had wires connected to speakers inside our cells. We had to flip the speaker, there was a diagonal screen so we could then watch the TV.

“I was not in a Perspex box but it did have the Perspex wall. For a long time I just had a mattress and a pot to pee in.

“For 12-13 months I did not shave or cut my hair... I was like the Wild Man of Borneo.”

He laughs but adds: “It was psychological. I thought that if you want to treat me like an animal, I will act like one.

“I am refusing all prison food at the moment. I buy whatever I can get from the prison shop in protest at the way I am being treated. That is about the refusal of my visits, my conditions overall.”

For many years at Wakefield, notorious prisoner Charles Bronson was Maudsley’s next-door neighbour and they shared the TV in their high-security cells. “They (cells) were mirror images of each other – we could talk to each other through the windows,” adds Maudsley. “But we did not really get on.

“He was a narcissist, he always had to be top dog, trying to put me down at every opportunity to establish dominance. We had a falling-out over what programme to watch one night. So I asked a prison guard to open the gap for the TV and I put my foot through it.

“Charlie was not very happy about that.”

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> **MAUDSLEY** ON SOME OF HIS DARK THOUGHTS

Maudsley says he has not had a visitor since February 2025, despite having found love with mum-of-one Loveinia MacKenney, 71.

He is desperate to meet her for the first time after almost five years of correspondence and phone calls, and claims visit requests since his transfer to Whitemoor from Wakefield in April 2025 have been refused.

“The denial of visits has added to my isolation, there is no doubt about that,” he says. “I am locked in my cell for 22 and a half hours per day, getting only 75 minutes to exercise and shower. I always put the radio on in the morning and listen to Magic Classical. I love classical music. I watch TV.

“Now I get 28 channels. My favourite show is Gogglebox, and I like The Chase with Bradley Walsh, Pointless, and Countdown.

“I watch them, to keep my mind occupied and active so I don’t start to deteriorate.”

SOLITARY

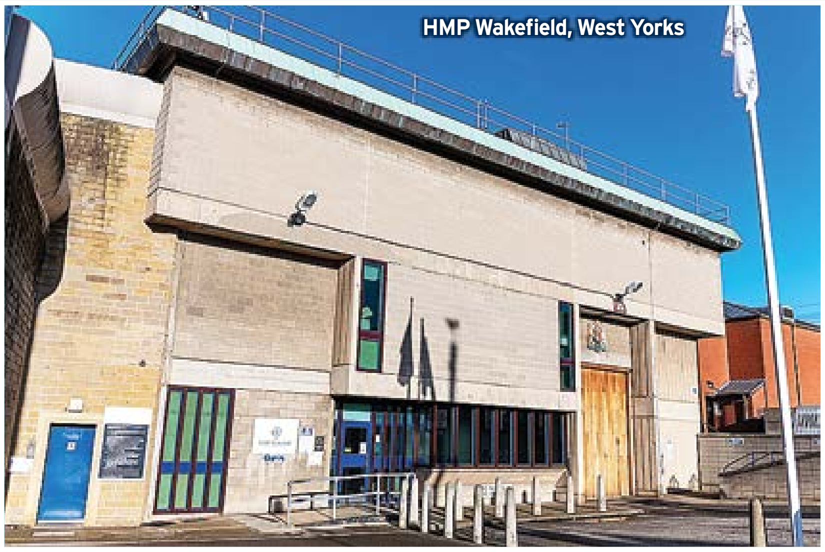
But despite the current programme of early release, he insists: “I want to spend the rest of my life behind bars to pay for what I have done.

“I see the whole life term as justified for my crimes. The way I cope is that every time I wake up in the morning I think ‘it is a new day’.”

After spending almost his entire adult life in solitary confinement, he says: “To feel the wind

LAG ON HIS LIFE AND CRIMES

Broadmoor high-security hospital in Berkshire



HMP Wakefield, West Yorks

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» I've found love for the first time... but I've never met her

when it blows through my window at night is fantastic. To feel the sun on your skin, it is the little things that you miss."

Given the chance to taste freedom, he says he would live on an island with Londoner Loveinia. "With my parents, there was no love," he says. "It has given me hope and for as long as we are alive, we will both have each other and give each other strength. The love we share keeps us going, it is the first time I have ever loved someone in the way that I love her."

Psychiatrist Bob Johnson, 89, who treated Maudsley in Parkhurst back in the 1980s, says: "I would sit alone with him in his cell and we'd discuss our favourite composer, Schubert.

"It would be far better to use his intelligence and get him working, he could have earned thousands in compensation to be paid to the victims' families.

"I believe that he would not have killed again with the help of our sessions. What he has had since is institutional sadism."

In another Hollywood classic, 1994's The Shawshank Redemption, Morgan Freeman's character Ellis "Red" Redding is asked what he would say if he could speak to his younger self, before he committed his crimes.

Asked the same question, Maudsley replies: "It is difficult because there are so many things that I could say to that 20-year-old.

"The main thing, irrespective of what happened, is that I had the strength to get up. I know inwardly that I would have the strength to keep going."

He adds: "The people I killed did not see their victims as human, in a sense I was a piece of meat. I treated them the same, and got my revenge that way. If I say that I should not have done that, the years in prison would be worthless."

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> **MAUDSLEY** ON FALLING OUT WITH FELLOW INMATE CHARLES BRONSON

Anthony Hopkins as killer Hannibal Lecter

No regrets... but also no bitterness at lost years

JEREMY ARMSTRONG

THERE is a click on the line and an announcement that the call is being monitored by HM Prison Service.

Then the quiet, calm voice, Robert Maudsley, the quadruple killer nicknamed "Hannibal the Cannibal", is heard.

He proceeds to describe his 52 years behind bars and his world record for solitary confinement. It is a lifetime alone in a cell; 17,500 consecutive days after he attacked and killed three men, the first a Broadmoor patient in 1977, then two inmates at Wakefield on the same day in 1978.

There is no bitterness about the time lost.

But there is also no regret about what he did all those years ago, when he first left home after years of abuse by his father.

Maudsley believes he should die behind bars, stating that this is justice for the crimes he committed. But he cannot help thinking of a possible taste of freedom: His desire to experience the four seasons once more.

He admits that people are fascinated with him because they think Hannibal Lecter in The Silence of the Lambs was based on him.

LECTER

He says: "It insinuates that connection to me, and I think Hannibal Lecter and the actual film have more appeal than I will ever have.

"There is a similarity to Anthony Hopkins' character in terms of his desire to understand people and serial killer Buffalo Bill.

"I have a fascination with learning about myself and other people and that would help me come to terms with what happened."

He believes if he had been left in the care of Dr Bob Johnson, his prison psychiatrist for a brief spell in the 1980s, that he would no longer be a danger. And Dr Johnson agrees.

Maudsley has not had a visit from his brothers since February 2025, nor from his partner Loveinia MacKenney. He believes that the refusal to allow him to see his family and friends is a further attempt to "break him".

His voice reflects his Merseyside roots, the Liverpool accent is still strong.

Robert Maudsley knows he will die in a prison cell, that he will never experience the outside world or the simple human pleasures that he craves. And he knows this is the punishment which he deserves.

Inflation powering up

Biggest hike in gas prices for almost 4yrs.. and energy cap now expected to rise again

BY **LEVI WINCHESTER**
Money Editor

INFLATION has risen to its highest rate since March after millions of households were hit by a spike in energy bills last month.

The Consumer Prices Index measure of inflation increased to 2.9% in July, up from June's figure of 2.6%.

The increase, which had been widely forecast, is strongly linked to the 13% hike in Ofgem's energy price cap last month.

The Office for National Statistics said July marked the largest rise in gas prices in almost four years.

Mike Hardie, deputy director for prices at the ONS, said: "Other upward pressures included furniture prices falling by less than usual, and a smaller fall for clothing prices.

"The prices of raw materials and goods leaving factories slowed again, driven by a drop in the prices of crude oil and refined petroleum respectively."

2.9
Consumer Prices Index percentage for July – up from 2.6% in June

The government has pledged to cut VAT on electricity bills for six months starting from next month. But analysts warn that another expected rise in the price cap this October will probably wipe out any savings.

Ofgem will announce the price cap level for October to December on August 26.

Energy experts at analysts Cornwall Insight are predicting the cap will rise by another 4%.

Chancellor John Healey said: "Iran war inflation continues to impact prices here at home, but Britain's economy is resilient.

"We have cut VAT on electricity bills and capped bus fares at £2 – to give breathing space to those feeling the strain."

But he added: "There is more to do to build a stronger economy, where prosperity is shared more fairly."

Rail passengers could also face a potential 4.2% hike in ticket prices next year, after the Retail Price Index measure of inflation was confirmed as 3.2% for July.

Regulated train fares did not go up this year because former Chancellor Rachel Reeves announced a price freeze.

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RAIL DRIP PRICING PROBE: PAGE 14

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The energy price cap increased by 13% last month

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> **JOHN HEALEY** CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER

Fly-tip in Glasgow's East End

PM cracking down on the fly-tip fiends

BY **SOPHIE HUSKISSON**
Political Correspondent

ANDY Burnham is launching a major crackdown on fly-tippers.

The Prime Minister will today unveil plans to put more officers on the front line to seize criminals' cash and assets, to stop them profiting from dumping.

Fines are set to soar from £300 to £5,000.

Mr Burnham, who is touring the UK to hear locals' concerns, said: "These toxic dumps have blighted communities for too long. I said we would clean them up – and that's exactly what we're announcing today."

The PM picks up the baton from predecessor Keir Starmer, who launched a 33-strong drone squad to tackle fly-tipping.

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The Queen arrives in a raincoat and under brolly

Camilla rains on

Queen is in fine fettle despite downpours as she helps kick off York's racing festival

Bookmakers under umbrellas along home straight

BY **JENNIFER NEWTON** Deputy Royal Editor

THE Queen keeps her feather dry as she joins punters at the opening day of York Racecourse's Ebor Festival, braving the first heavy rain in weeks.

Camilla slipped away from her Balmoral holiday with the King to attend the racing at the venue she became patron of in 2024.

The 79-year-old arrived holding an umbrella and wearing a vibrant blue straw feathered Philip Treacy hat, just one of many fine pieces of millinery on show around the grounds.

She proudly displayed a butterfly brooch that belonged to the late Queen Elizabeth, herself a huge horse-racing fan, along with one from the Jockey Club, of which she is also a patron.

HEROES

First, Camilla met unsung heroes of the racecourse and representatives from local organisations Bereaved Children Support York, Friends of Rowntree Park, and racehorse rehoming charity New Beginnings.

She then made her way to a box as the RAF Falcons display team performed a parachute display, before taking a salute.

Later, Camilla presented the trophy to the winner of the day's feature race, the Juddmonte International Stakes, to jockey Colin Keane, who won on Item.

The festival continues tomorrow with the third race of the day being the Sir Kevin Sinfield 7 In 7 Grand Finale Handicap, named in honour of the rugby league legend who has raised millions of pounds for motor neurone disease.

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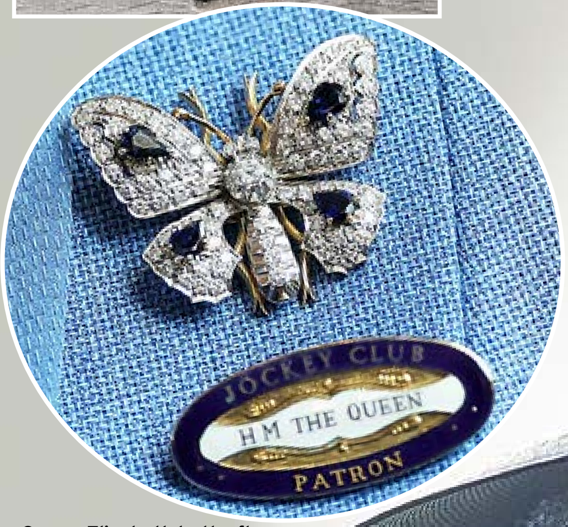


Queen Elizabeth butterfly brooch and the one Camilla wears as Jockey Club patron

One punter decided this hat was worth a swirl

This floral design would get a good watering on the day

York had a considerable amount of rain yesterday

Colin Keane after riding Item to a big win

VOICE OF THE DAILY Mirror

Water laws are crucial

THE deaths of Hassan El-Khawas, his partner Zeina Alayn and their 14-year-old daughter Sara are an unbearable tragedy.

It is almost impossible to comprehend how a family day out can end with three lives lost and a six-year-old girl critically ill in hospital.

There will be time to establish exactly what happened at Shoreham Harbour, and the risk factors that played a part in this nightmare.

But once again we have been shown the terrifying speed with which a fun trip near water can turn into catastrophe.

That is why the Mirror's Save Lives for Sam campaign is so important. We are fighting for better water safety education, clearer warnings and stronger protection at places where people swim, paddle and play.

Hidden dangers must be identified before more families pay such an awful price.

We owe it to every parent and child to make water safety impossible to ignore.

End race hate

ENGLAND'S footballers should be remembered for what they did on the pitch, not subjected to vile abuse because of the colour of their skin or their faith.

Yet research showing attacks doubled on match days – and surged tenfold after defeat by Argentina – exposes an ugly sickness that still festers around our national game.

Jude Bellingham, Kobbie Mainoo, Bukayo Saka and Djed Spence deserve pride and support, not hatred from cowards hiding behind social media accounts.

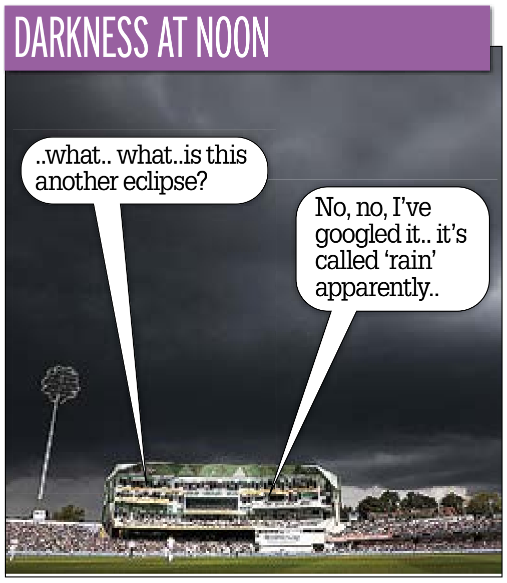
Football authorities, social media companies and the police must treat this abuse with the seriousness it deserves. We have heard too many promises about stamping out racism.

Gone A.I-wire

ARTIFICIAL intelligence may be able to write essays, analyse data sets and create pictures but apparently a Yorkshire accent is beyond its powers.

If AI receptionist Emma can't even understand Rotherham folk, perhaps the machines are not quite ready to take over after all.

DARKNESS AT NOON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No, no, I've googled it.. it's called 'rain' apparently..

Let's show what Britain can do...

Burnham's rallying cry for all to join mission to end homelessness

Angela Rayner and PM chat to men at charity yesterday

> **Every day, we see the devastating impact rough sleeping has on people**
>
> **EMMA HADDAD** CEO OF HOMELESSNESS CHARITY ST MUNGO'S

CHANGING LIVES

BY **ALEXANDER BROWN**
Assistant Political Editor

ANDY Burnham has issued a rallying call for volunteers to help end rough sleeping after admitting there may not be enough government funding to solve the problem.

The Prime Minister has pledged to offer every person sleeping rough a place to stay by Christmas, and Downing Street said a £442million support package would be made available.

But Mr Burnham warned: "The government money itself may not fully be enough."

Visiting the homelessness charity Changing Lives in Newcastle with Housing Secretary Angela Rayner yesterday, he added: "So I am saying, putting the call out to community and voluntary organisations – we're at one here in Newcastle today, doing fantastic work.

"But we're saying to the wider community, voluntary, and faith sector: come on, let's get behind this. Let's show what Britain can do when we all pull in the same direction.

HAPPY

"We did it in the pandemic, we can do it again, and it's a rallying call, really, that I'm putting out."

Electrician Jason Dugdale, who lives in Tottenham, North London, said the financial pledges made would be massively helpful.

The 39-year-old said: "I was on the streets a few years ago, and I was given opportunities to get back into society. I was given activities where I could meet employers... I was also given the opportunity to have my own place, which I have had for a year, and I'm really happy now."

Jason said mental health support was just as important as housing, explaining that homelessness charity St Mungo's had helped with his depression, ADHD and insomnia problems.

St Mungo's CEO Emma Haddad described the support package as a pivotal moment for homelessness.

She added: "Every day, we see the devastating impact rough sleeping has on people's health, safety and hope for the future. It deepens trauma, negatively impacts mental and physical health, and makes it even harder to access support.

"A roof over somebody's head provides immediate safety, but lasting recovery requires intensive, person-centred, joined-up support."

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'I'm hopeful PM can get people off the streets'

BY **DAN WARBURTON**

DESPERATE Ivan Corbett has spent years sofa-surfing after his life spiralled out of control due to alcohol and drug problems.

Speaking following his meeting with Mr Burnham at the Changing Lives homeless shelter in Elswick, Newcastle, Ivan said: "He just wants to get everyone off the streets. I'm hopeful he can do that.

"But he needs to address other stuff too – council tax, all the bills you need to pay. Some people just can't afford it. It's the cost of living crisis and the problems with universal credit, they're putting people into debt."

Ivan Corbett lost his digs after a row

Ivan, 37, from Scotswood, Newcastle, lost his home in 2022 after a dispute with its owner. He said: "The landlord changed the locks. All my possessions were inside, I lost it all. I've just been sofa-surfing since then. I haven't been able to work, but when I do, it's just cash-in-hand jobs. I've been going to soup kitchens and food banks."

The hospital in Barnstaple

NHS leader quits over closure of baby wing

BY **SASKIA ROWLANDS**

THE medical director of an NHS trust that shuttered its maternity wing has resigned in protest.

Dr Karen Davies said she was stepping down from Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust over the temporary situation at North Devon District Hospital in Barnstaple.

The trust suspended births there on August 11, citing staffing issues.

It means many women will have to travel to Exeter to give birth, a journey of more than an hour.

Dr Davies wrote: "We have known for several years that there have been concerns about fragility, as well as safety and culture, in the northern maternity unit."

TUTORIALS

Hundreds protested the closure on Barnstaple's streets on Saturday, among them mum-to-be Rebekah Hester, from Ilfracombe.

Classed as high-risk due to having pre-eclampsia, she said: "Google is saying an hour-and-a-half drive is too far, you need to find a closer maternity unit, or you need to watch these tutorials on giving birth and home deliveries."

Gill Walton, chief executive of the Royal College of Midwives, said: "There has been a staffing crisis in maternity services all around the UK. This is just the tip of the iceberg."

Trust chief medical officer Vanessa Purday said the decision to suspend birthing services was reached because safe staffing levels could no longer be assured.

Sam Higginson, the trust's chief executive, said he hoped the suspension would be short, but that the trust needed a creative recruitment strategy to help fill vacancies.

Vile toll of World Cup race abuse

England stars targeted in thousands of posts

BY **SOPHIE HUSKISSON**
Political Correspondent

RACIST abuse against England's football stars during the World Cup doubled on match days and leapt by 10 times after the team was knocked out by Argentina in the semi-finals, research shows.

Hope Not Hate found more than 5,500 explicitly racist posts directed at the England squad after tracking around 320,000 posts on X, formerly Twitter, during the tournament.

Jude Bellingham faced the highest overall volume of racist posts. Kobbie Mainoo and Bukayo Saka suffered the highest proportion of racist abuse relative to mentions about them.

Djed Spence, England's first male Muslim player, was targeted with waves of anti-Islam hate, HNH said.

It added baseline racial abuse accounted for 1-2% of posts during this summer's tournament and more than doubled to 4-5% on match days.

Around a third of racist posts were sent directly to players or the England team's account.

Patrik Hermansson, senior researcher at the campaign group, said there is a pattern of abuse surrounding football tournaments.

He added: "It focuses on specific players and is, to a significant degree, driven by a small number of high-profile actors who benefit from the anger and attention they generate."

Jadon Sancho, Marcus Rashford and Saka faced a barrage of racism after missing penalties in the Euro 2020 final shootout defeat to Italy.

HNH said its research shows how single posts by high-profile figures become "hate hubs where thousands of abusive comments gather". It highlighted a post by Restore leader Rupert Lowe that just said "Jude Bellingham" after he scored against Norway in the quarter-finals.

EXTREMIST

The post, which got more than 13 million views, was followed a blitz of racist responses. One said: "Deport after half-time." Another reply added: "England 'celebrates' diversity. Remigration is the moderate approach."

Experts have accused X, owned by Elon Musk, of amplifying extremist content using its algorithms.

HNH is calling for algorithms that fuel abuse to be outlawed.

It wants media regulator Ofcom to enforce safety-by-design requirements for sites, rather than using the Online Safety Act to address harm after it has already happened.

HNH also wants Ofcom to extend its crisis protocols for major sporting events. They were developed amid online hate being blamed for riots.

Taylor Gese, of the Future of Tech Institute, said: "Tech platforms already have the tools to stop this abuse, and Ofcom already has the mandate to enforce it – yet neither is acting. Platforms refuse to deploy their safety controls because outrage drives engagement, and hate sells."

Ofcom said: "No one should have to put up with this vile abuse, and we condemn racism in all its forms.

"Tech firms have a legal responsibility to assess and mitigate the risk of UK users encountering criminal content, and we've shown we'll take action if evidence suggests companies are falling short."

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Jude Bellingham, Bukayo Saka and Djed Spence at the World Cup in the US last month

5.5k
Number of explicitly racist posts aimed at the England squad

x10
Increase in racist abuse after England lost to Argentina in semi-finals

> Platforms refuse to deploy their safety controls because hate sells
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> **TAYLOR GESE** TECH EXPERT

GAZA AID ALERT

Minister: Israelis must let more in

BY **ALEXANDER BROWN**
Assistant Political Editor

ISRAEL'S failure to allow sufficient aid into Gaza is leading to death, starvation and one of the world's worst humanitarian crises, the new Middle East Minister says.

Stephen Doughty, *pictured*, warned just 10% of the help set aside for Gaza was being let in.

He said it is leaving local children without basic education or healthcare. Speaking from an Egyptian Red Crescent warehouse near the Gaza border, he said: "There is a hugely horrific humanitarian situation ongoing in Gaza, and people are not getting the medicines, food or shelter that they need.

"I've seen here quite a lot of the medical assistance which is coming in. To think that some of that is not getting in to support people, these basic life-saving medicines, is deeply shocking and has an incredibly devastating consequence on the ground.

"We have been calling on the Israeli government to let more aid in to reduce the restrictions on operations into Gaza, and to ensure that further tragedy can be averted."

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MEMOIR LAYS

Hayden with mum Lesley, brother Jansen and dad Skip

EXCLUSIVE

BY **TOM BRYANT**
Associate Editor (Showbiz)

WHEN Hayden Panettiere signed a six-figure deal for her memoir last year, her battles with addiction, fractured family relations, and a tumultuous personal life were all expected to be laid bare.

But when the book, This Is Me: A Reckoning, was published just three months before her death at the weekend aged 36, even her closest friends were shocked by its contents.

One pal said: "It was almost like she had nothing to lose... she just thought 'f*** it... I don't care any more'. The brakes were well and truly off."

But it wasn't simply the darkness of the revelations – including harrowing domestic violence claims – that took those around her aback. It was also the scores she appeared to want to settle along the way.

One person in the firing line was her mother, Lesley Vogel, a former actress who secured Hayden's first commercial when she was 11 months old and managed her career as a child actor.

ESTRANGEMENT

Lesley's business acumen led her to secure deals for her daughter aged four in US TV show One Life to Live, then at eight, another soap opera, Guiding Light. But when Hayden, aged 16, landed a huge role in superhero series Heroes, their relationship broke down.

Of the moment she decided to cut ties, Hayden writes: "I asked Mom to come to my trailer on the Heroes set one day, and that's where I broke the news. 'Mom, I can't work with you any more,' I said. 'I just want you to be my mom now'. I wasn't in the mood for an argument, so I didn't mention anything that had helped build the wall of resentment between us.

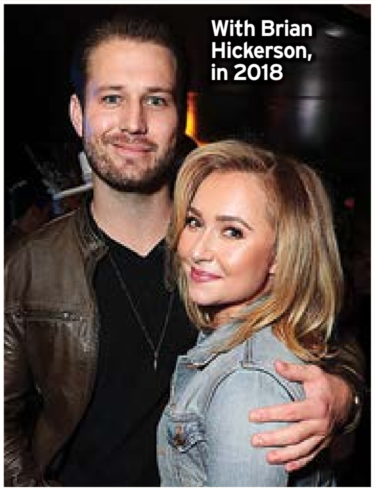
"All I wanted was to discover what it was like to have a 'normal' mother-daughter relationship, and that dynamic didn't involve contracts, producers, boho tops, or drinking wine at industry parties.

"Mom picked up her purse, clenched her jaw, and looked straight at me. 'You owe me,' she answered. Then she walked out of my trailer. When I heard the click of the door, I took a deep breath, then burst into tears."

The allegations were given a second lease of life on her book publicity blitz. Appearing on Jay Shetty's podcast, she described being beset with anxiety following the estrangement. She says: "Part of me was like, 'oh, I'm relieved that it was short, like, rip the Band-Aid off'. Then it was like this dark looming cloud over my head going, 'what does she mean by I owe her? What form of payment is she expecting?'."

Lesley, who is in her 70s, described the claims as a vehicle to sell books, saying: "You cannot save someone who does not want to be saved."

She said after severing contact with Hayden: "The smear campaign begins: Accusations, anger, belittling, gaslighting, etc are the classic signs of this behaviour style... After 20 years of


With Brian Hickerson, in 2018

Her last Insta post, a party pic from 15 years ago captioned 'Good times and good friends'

> **It was like she had nothing to lose, the brakes were truly off**
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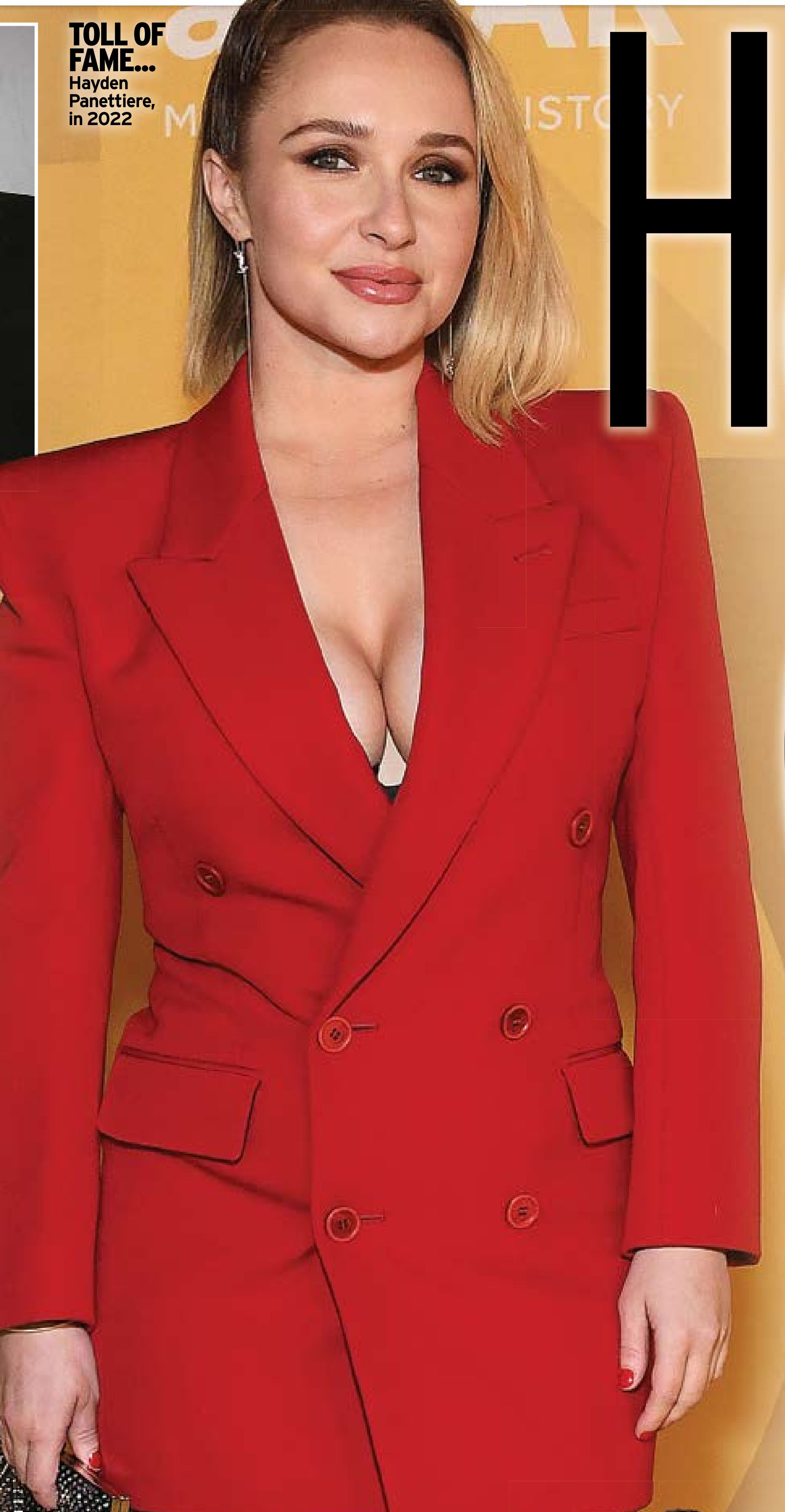
> **HAYDEN'S FRIEND** ON SHOCKING CONTENT OF THIS IS ME: A RECKONING

BARE TROUBLED LIFE OF ACTRESS

Hayden's despair



TOLL OF FAME... Hayden Panettiere, in 2022

» Vulnerable star's candid look at family strains and addiction

» Prey for industry vultures and survivor of domestic violence

Big role in Heroes as cheerleader Claire

trauma, I took the advice of professionals and chose the no-contact route.

"As many parents of entertainment children [know], we are all too familiar with the painful observation of watching the self-destructive paths they sometimes choose."

Friends say Hayden was braced for such a reaction. One pal said: "She was quite cavalier about dropping bombs left, right and centre. It all washed over her."

Others in her sights included an Oscar-winning actor and director who it is claimed cornered a 19-year-old Hayden as she was about to leave a party and exposed himself to her.

She reveals how a friend pressured her on a yacht to sleep with a 30-something British singer-songwriter who lay naked in bed. Hayden settled in under the sheets before changing her mind, she said.

Father of her child, Wladimir Klitschko

Members of her team allegedly fed her "happy pills" to cope with the red carpet, and to make her more talkative.

Friends say it is little wonder she spiralled into alcoholism. Stints in rehab followed, and she gave up custody of her daughter Kaya, now 11, to her ex-fiance, former boxing champion Wladimir Klitschko, to help with her recovery.

A friend said: "Everyone forgets just how young she was as she slid into addiction. She was vulnerable and seen as easy pickings by some figures in the industry."

Her romance with actor Brian Hickerson, who she met in 2018, was rocked by domestic violence. In April 2021, he was sentenced to 45 days in county jail. They split up, and friends were aghast by their reconciliation. Police confirmed he was present when she died of an apparent overdose in a South Carolina apartment.

Her mum Lesley said: "This person in her life that we have been trying to get rid of for quite some time was with her at her death, and that was Brian Hickerson."

Describing Hayden as amazingly talented, she said the industry was "challenging... and it's not unusual for them to sadly find the wrong path".

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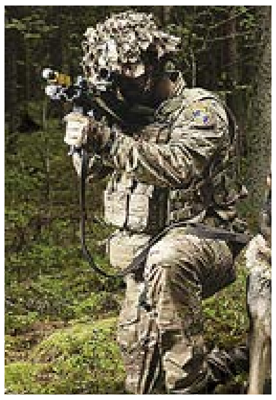


Armed conflict is predicted

More than a quarter think war is coming

BY **DAVE BURKE**
Political Correspondent

MORE than a quarter of people believe a war is likely to affect their local area within the next two years, figures show.

A government survey reveals 28% think a conflict will impact them by 2028, up from 19% a year ago.

And more than two-thirds think emergencies and disasters will increase over the next decade.

Fear over the risk of terror attacks has gone up in the past year, with 25% of respondents fearing one could happen in their area by 2028 – up from 20%.

And more than four in 10 believe a cyber attack affecting the country's critical infrastructure is likely in that time.

ESCAPE

The UK Public Survey of Risk Perception, Resilience and Preparedness found large storms, extreme cold weather, cyber attacks and threats to the food supply are the disasters people think most probable.

Just 14% are confident the country is totally ready for the dangers it faces.

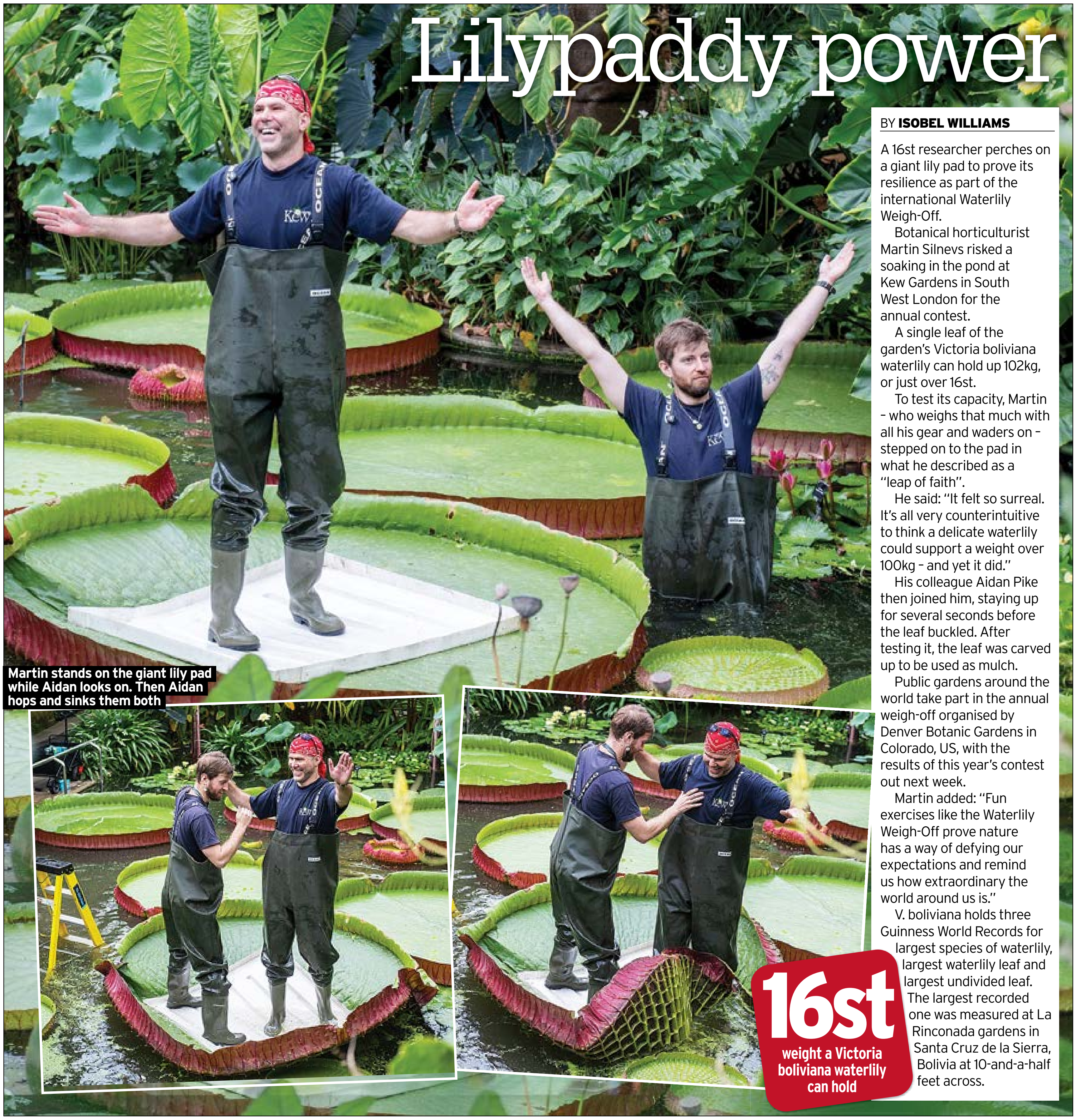
But nearly half of respondents thought their own households were at least moderately prepared.

More than 80% of respondents think it is important for the government to share information on how to prepare for large-scale emergencies.

The government has urged people to take a number of steps – including learning first aid, planning escape routes and saving medical details on their phone.

The government said: "We publish steps people can take to make their households more resilient on prepare.campaign.gov.uk and will be raising awareness of the guidance in the year ahead."

Lilypaddy power



Martin stands on the giant lily pad while Aidan looks on. Then Aidan hops and sinks them both

16st weight a Victoria boliviana waterlily can hold

BY **ISOBEL WILLIAMS**

A 16st researcher perches on a giant lily pad to prove its resilience as part of the international Waterlily Weigh-Off.

Botanical horticulturist Martin Silnevs risked a soaking in the pond at Kew Gardens in South West London for the annual contest.

A single leaf of the garden's Victoria boliviana waterlily can hold up 102kg, or just over 16st.

To test its capacity, Martin – who weighs that much with all his gear and waders on – stepped on to the pad in what he described as a "leap of faith".

He said: "It felt so surreal. It's all very counterintuitive to think a delicate waterlily could support a weight over 100kg – and yet it did."

His colleague Aidan Pike then joined him, staying up for several seconds before the leaf buckled. After testing it, the leaf was carved up to be used as mulch.

Public gardens around the world take part in the annual weigh-off organised by Denver Botanic Gardens in Colorado, US, with the results of this year's contest out next week.

Martin added: "Fun exercises like the Waterlily Weigh-Off prove nature has a way of defying our expectations and remind us how extraordinary the world around us is."

V. boliviana holds three Guinness World Records for largest species of waterlily, largest waterlily leaf and largest undivided leaf. The largest recorded one was measured at La Rinconada gardens in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia at 10-and-a-half feet across.

Drip pricing probe

Virgin Atlantic and 2 other firms' 'extra checkout fee'

BY **LEVI WINCHESTER**

CUSTOMERS of Virgin Atlantic, Trainline and Red Driving School could get compensation after a probe into "drip pricing".

The Competition and Markets Authority is looking into claims the firms used the banned practice, where mandatory fees are added at checkout.

Emma Cochrane, from the CMA, said: "Clear pricing helps people compare offers confidently and choose the option that works best for them.

"Unexpected mandatory charges make this harder, which is why the CMA is now opening formal investigations."

Sue Davies, from consumer champion Which?, said: "The CMA shouldn't hesitate to use its new powers to fine any firms that have broken the rules."

Trainline is being investigated over whether fees of up to £2.79 were included in the upfront price. It said: "We've engaged with the CMA and we are taking steps to enhance how fees are presented to our customers."

Emma Cochrane

Virgin Atlantic, which is being probed over resort fees and local taxes for package holidays, said: "Fees are indicated at multiple stages. We are reviewing the points raised by the CMA carefully."

RDS is being investigated over whether fees, typically £7 per booking, were displayed in the upfront price. A spokesman said: "We take our obligations under consumer law with utmost focus and seriousness. We look forward to a swift conclusion of this investigation."

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Home Secretary Mahmood

Returns of migrants up 52% in crackdown

BY **DAVE BURKE**
Political Correspondent

DEPORTATIONS of foreign criminals and failed asylum seekers have hit their highest level in a decade under Labour, Home Office figures reveal.

Returns have gone up by 52% since the general election compared with the last two years under the Tories, the statistics show.

More than 80,000 people have been removed since July 2024 – the highest level since 2016.

Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood said: "These new statistics send a message. We will always welcome those who come here legally and seek to build a better life.

"But if you come here illegally or break our laws, we will send you home."

OFFENDERS

There were 80,286 returns recorded between July 1, 2024, and July 31 this year – including 19,622 enforced returns of people with no legal right to remain in the UK and nearly 12,000 foreign national offenders.

In that time there were 163 flights for returns to Africa, Asia, Europe and South America.

Under legislation making its way through Parliament, an Independent Immigration Appeals Authority made up of trained members of the public will rule on appeals, instead of judges, to help speed up removals.

New measures will also prevent last-minute modern slavery claims.

The Home Office is also looking at how much force officers can use removing families with children.

Ms Mahmood has said the government is prepared to bring in visa sanctions to countries that fail to take back citizens facing removal.

Health fears as teen vaping on the rise...

Habit linked to breathing and addiction issues, review finds

STRAWBERRY

Some of the vapes on sale are colourful and attractive to children

BY **LUCY THORNTON**

VAPING should not be considered a harmless part of growing up, parents are being warned.

The most comprehensive review to date showed e-cigs are linked to higher rates of breathing problems in children and young people.

And the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health found youths who vape are significantly more likely to go on to smoke cigarettes.

Nearly one in 10 secondary school pupils currently vape, according to the Children's Society, and one in four 11 to 15-year-olds have tried it.

Labour MP James Murray said: "The evidence is clear – there are too many young people experimenting with vapes, attracted by the array of flavours, bright colours and marketing displays.

"We want a healthier future for the next generation, so we must act now to reduce the appeal of addictive vapes to our children."

In June, the government launched a crackdown on vapes targeting kids with a shift to plain white packaging. There will also be restrictions on flavour names in favour of simple descriptions.

Professor Will Carroll, co-author of the review, welcomed these measures but said Labour "must go further", adding: "Vaping should not be seen as a harmless part of growing up. The evidence shows clear links with respiratory symptoms, nicotine dependence and subsequent cigarette smoking, while concerns about wider impacts on young people's health continue to grow.

"Current proposals will place restrictions on vape flavour names and packaging descriptions, moving away from enticing names inspired by sweets, desserts and alcohol in favour of simple, factual names like 'apple'. As paediatricians, we call on the government to limit the types of flavours available, as opposed to just their descriptions."

The new review, published in the journal Archives of Disease in Childhood, examined more than 14,000 published articles and looked at evidence from 81 studies.

RCPCH vice-president for policy, Dr Mike McKean, said: "Vaping is still a relatively new product, and there is much we do not yet know about its long-term impact on children and young people but a clear and concerning picture is emerging."

He added: "Continued research and monitoring is essential if we are to properly understand the risks and respond to emerging evidence."

A spokesman for The Children's Society said: "There is a concerning and widespread lack of awareness about what vapes actually contain – both legal and illegal.

"We are increasingly seeing illegal vapes confiscated from children that contain Spice rather than the THC or the cannabis they're sold as.

"Legal vapes carry risks too. A misunderstanding of how much nicotine they contain can drive heavier use and addiction. Childhood vape addiction must be taken seriously, not only because of the health risks but also because dependency can be used to exploit and abuse children."

Hazel Cheeseman, of Action on Smoking and Health, said: "The evidence remains clear vaping is less harmful than smoking but not risk-free.

"The government must swiftly bring forward regulations to restrict the promotion of vapes to children while ensuring that adults who smoke can easily access vapes as a quit aid.

"As it was with tobacco, strong controls on marketing and promotion will be key to reducing youth vaping."

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HEALTH ISSUES EXPERIENCED...

- Wheezing
- Coughing
- Allergies
- Sleep issues
- Eye symptoms including itching, dryness and blurriness
- Mental health problems including anxiety, depression and panic disorder
- Adverse effects on oral and dental health, such as inflammation, ulcers and dry mouth

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> **JAMES MURRAY** FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

TENNIS SHAME

BY **NATHAN RIDLEY**

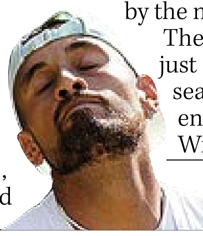
Kyrgios positive test for cocaine

TENNIS player Nick Kyrgios has issued an apology after testing positive for cocaine.

The Australian, 31, has been provisionally suspended following the test at the ATP 250 tournament in Mallorca, Spain, in June.

His International Tennis Integrity Agency provisional suspension has been in place since August 4, with cocaine banned in competition under anti-doping rules. He can appeal the ban, which will be revealed later.

Kyrgios said: "I made a huge mistake and I take full responsibility for it. I'm sorry to my fans, family, sponsors and everyone close to me. Above all, I'm sorry to kids who follow me."



Under his suspension, Kyrgios cannot play, coach at or attend Grand Slams or events sanctioned by the men's and women's tours.

The ex-world No13, *left*, had just four singles matches this season after injuries in recent years. He last played in Wimbledon's men's doubles.

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EMMA WILLIS

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> **EMMA WILLIS** ON STRICTLY

NEW FACE

Emma Willis will front BBC show

BY **MARK JEFFERIES** Showbiz Editor

EMMA Willis says her nerves are competing with her excitement as she gets ready for one of the biggest jobs on telly – her Strictly Come Dancing presenting debut.

And the 50-year-old host, who will be part of a new-look version of the BBC series, fronting it alongside comedian Josh Widdicombe, 43, and former pro dancer Johannes Radebe, 39, said she just doesn't want to mess up.

Emma, 50, said: "I'm excited about all of it, I'm nervous about all of it. I'm excited because it's a show that I've watched since it began really. So I'm a fan of it first and foremost." Referring to the show's former hosts, Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman, she said: "And I'm nervous for all of the same reasons because it's a show that I love.

Will Best joins new hopefuls

"It's a show that millions of people love. It's been made and hosted impeccably by Tess and Claud.

"And then you've got to take the baton and go, 'Let's not mess it up'. But I'm really excited because it's fun."

Emma also offered advice to Strictly contestants, including Radio DJ Will Best, who is taking part this year. Speaking to his colleague Fleur East on the Hits

GETS READY TO HIT DANCE FLOOR

I'm so excited about Strictly but nervous too... I worry I'll mess it up

TV star chats about jitters, co-hosts and taking over from Tess & Claudia

New line-up is Josh Widdicombe, Emma and Johannes Radebe

Last year's winners Karen Carney and pro dancer Carlos Gu

Radio Breakfast Show, Emma said: "My advice is don't think about it. Because when you think about it, the overwhelm is huge and that makes you spiral.

"It's like having a baby, rest when you can and then go on autopilot the rest of the time. You can overthink it all, can't you? You're an amazing singer and a dancer, Fleur, and that's your world. Will's not a dancer, is he? I've always wanted to do Strictly but always been terrified at the same time and I can only imagine that's how Will kind of feels.

"But you've got to go into it and live and breathe every single second. Totally immerse yourself in it but have fun. But how can you have fun when you've got to walk down those steps? When I watch it and I sit on the sofa my tummy goes for them!"

Emma and her co-hosts were confirmed in May after the BBC held auditions following the departure of Tess and Claudia last year. It is the first time Strictly has had three hosts, which will mean a change to the format.

At the time she was announced, Emma said: "It's no secret that I'm a huge fan of Strictly – I've cheered and danced along from my sofa for years.

"So to be stepping into the Strictly ballroom is something I can't quite comprehend. I can't wait to spend my weekends with Josh and Jojo, the incredible dancers and the judges. Fingers crossed for a 10 from them!"

Former hosts Claudia and Tess

The celebrities have begun training but do not yet have partners ahead of the return of the BBC series next month.

Joining Will in the line-up are Gavin and Stacey actress Melanie Walters, EastEnders star Lacey Turner, TV personality Dani Dyer, singer-songwriter Delta Goodrem, hair stylist Chris Appleton, social media star Cach Mercer, paralympian Dame Sarah Storey, actress Jaime Winstone, actress Bethany Antonia, dog trainer Graeme Hall, Emmerdale star Lawrence Robb, pundit Shaun Wright-Phillips, Olympian Tabby Stoecker, and football YouTuber John Nellis.

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AI understands nowt

Patients irked as robo-receptionist can't fathom their accent

BY **LUCY THORNTON**

PATIENTS are growing frustrated at a new AI receptionist taking calls at their GP surgery as it cannot understand their accents.

Some practices are using a nationwide system called EMMA to triage patients, with the idea that they can avoid long waits on the phone.

But many patients in Rotherham, South Yorks, are getting so fed up with being misunderstood that they go to the surgery instead.

Healthwatch Rotherham told the BBC the system had trouble with accents, and speech impediments too.

Kym Gleeson

Manager Kym Gleeson said: "One of the issues is this system can't always understand what people's inquiry is about due to their broad Yorkshire accent.

"Across South Yorkshire, accents do vary quite a lot. There are different twangs so there's a lot of variation. It seems the system isn't always able to understand, so that causes frustration."

Healthwatch said it had spoken in particular to elderly and veterans groups to inform them they can opt out of using EMMA (Enhanced Medical Management Assistant). A spokesman for software developers QuantumLoopAI said: "Where Emma is unable to understand or deal with a patient's request, the call is transferred to the reception team.

"No caller is required to continue speaking with Emma – and anyone can ask to speak to a member of staff at any time."

It added that more than 90% of patients using Emma had said the system was an improvement.

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Here comes the rain again as heat eases

A woman celebrates the rain in Hampshire

BY **EMILY BEAMENT**

A WOMAN stretches out her arms to welcome the rain as the country's record dry spell ends in thunderstorms.

Play was interrupted by heavy rain on the first day of the England v Pakistan Test at Headingley in Leeds yesterday, as storm warnings were issued across parts of England and Wales. Some places had "the first meaningful rain for a long time" this week, the Met Office said, after a summer of punishing heatwaves and extremely dry weather.

The forecaster has issued yellow warnings for thunderstorms which could lead to flash flooding in some areas, but warned it would not solve the drought – covering most of England and Wales – overnight.

Clouds gather on day one of the Test match between England & Pakistan at Headingley

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Parking fines shake-up is due

Fines over parking at a record of nearly 17m

BY **NEIL LANCEFIELD**

PRIVATE firms dished out a record 16.9 million parking tickets in the year to the end of March.

The figure is up 17% on the previous 12-month period, according to RAC Foundation and Press Association analysis of government data.

The parking industry has attributed the rise to an increase in the number of car parks being managed – there were 204 firms requesting vehicle owner records from the DVLA in 2025/26.

But private parking outfits have been accused of using misleading signs and aggressive debt collection techniques.

With some fines levied up to £100, they have also been accused of charging unreasonable fees.

CHALLENGE

A bill that would introduce a code of practice for the industry received royal assent in March 2019.

It was due to halve the cap on tickets for most parking offences to £50, create a fairer appeals system and ban aggressive language on tickets.

But it was withdrawn by the Conservative government in June 2022 after parking companies launched a legal challenge.

A new consultation on the code by the current government closed in September 2025.

RAC Foundation director Steve Gooding said of the Prime Minister: “Andy Burnham has plenty of big things to worry about – but if his government could get round to fixing this problem, millions of drivers would have one less thing on their minds.”

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government was approached for comment.

Giz a kiss, our kid

Liam plants a kiss on Noel's cheek on stage

BY **MARK JEFFERIES**
Showbiz Editor

WE thought we'd never see the Gallaghers on the same stage again... let alone sharing a kiss.

Liam plants a smacker on Noel's cheek in a trailer for a film about the sellout Oasis reunion tour last year.

A montage of footage from their dates around the world also shows the brothers, who had been feuding since 2009, holding hands.

Addressing their infamous blow-up at the Rock en Seine festival in France, Liam, 53, says they both said "s*** they didn't mean" in the past. He adds: "That's the way it is when you miss people."

Noel, 59, adds: "I certainly wasn't prepared for the intense outpouring (and) the sense of what it meant to people."

Oasis: Don't Look Back In Anger was created by Steven Knight and directed by Dylan Southern and Will Lovelace.

It will be released in cinemas on September 9, and then screened later on Disney Plus. The film will have its world premiere at the 83rd Venice International Film Festival next month.

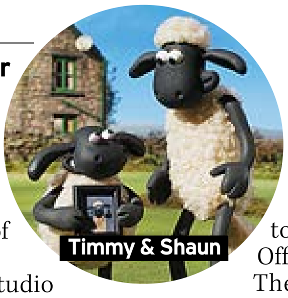
Noel takes a moment in rehearsals; below, Liam has a look at the camera

STORM THE SHEEP

Public vote to choose TV character for weather list

BY **ELLIE CRABBE**

WOULD you rather suffer under a Shaun shower or a Timmy tempest?



Timmy & Shaun

The Met Office wants the public to vote for one of the animated Shaun the Sheep characters to be on the list of storm names for 2026/2027.

The collaboration with studio Aardman – behind Wallace and Gromit – will be decided in a vote, open until tomorrow, on the Met Office's social media sites.

The public can choose between Shaun and his cousin, a lamb called Timmy. Met Office Head of Warnings Holly Clements said: “Naming storms helps weather warnings reach more people and encourages the public to take notice [of] severe weather.”

The winning name will be announced on September 1. The Met Office began naming storms in 2015. Last year, 50,000 names were submitted for the 2025/2026 season, with Stormy McStormFace and Dame Judi Drench among some of those which did not make the cut.

The chance of a storm being named after one of the animated TV sheep is actually quite small. Storms are named alphabetically each season and the furthest the Met Office has reached is L, with Storm Lilian in August 2024.

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Drivers guilty of snubbing M-way lane closure signs

BY **TRISTAN KIRK**

DRIVERS have been hit with criminal convictions and more than £100,000 in fines, court costs and victim surcharges this year for ignoring "red X" motorway lane closure signs.

Dozens face magistrates every month after being caught by automatic cameras while driving in a Smart lane temporarily shut down due to an emergency or blockage.

Many thousands are issued with £100 fixed penalty fines. But Press Association research found since the start of this year, 378 drivers have faced a full criminal prosecution, leading to fines totalling £48,409, costs of £33,255, and £20,183 in victim surcharges. Most guilty motorists are also hit with three penalty points.

RAC road safety spokesman Rod Dennis said: "The signs play an absolutely fundamental role in keeping people safe."

Red X M-way sign

OUR DAILY PUB QUIZ

1 Where was the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution?

2 Which band released the 1978 album Parallel Lines?

3 Which country has won the most men's Hockey World Cup titles?

4 The Atacama Desert is located in which country?

5 Which actor played the title character in The Truman Show?

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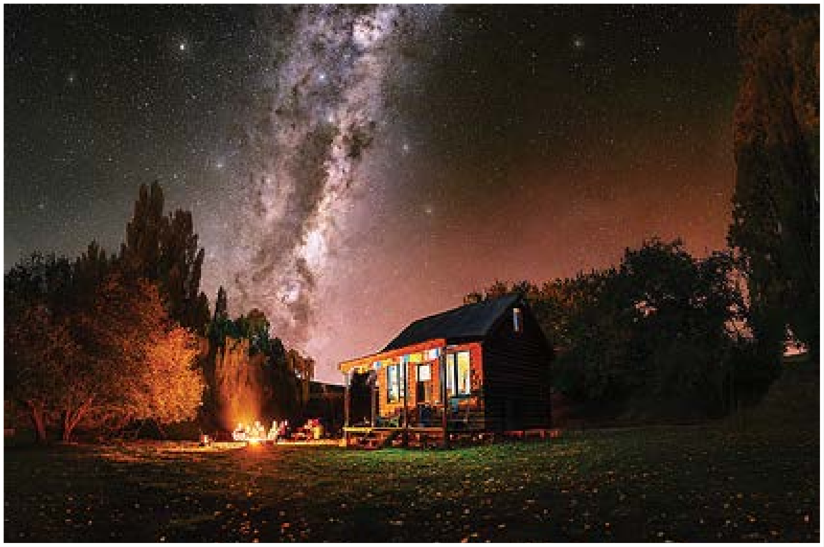
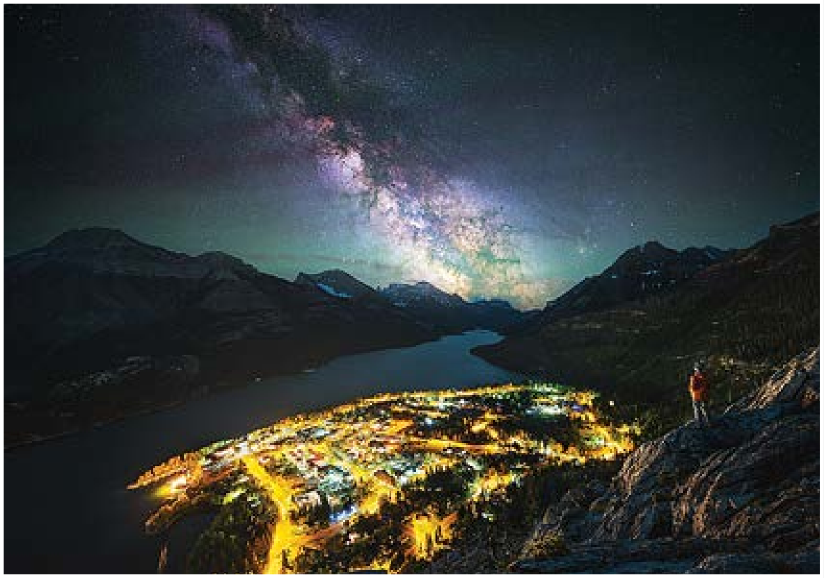
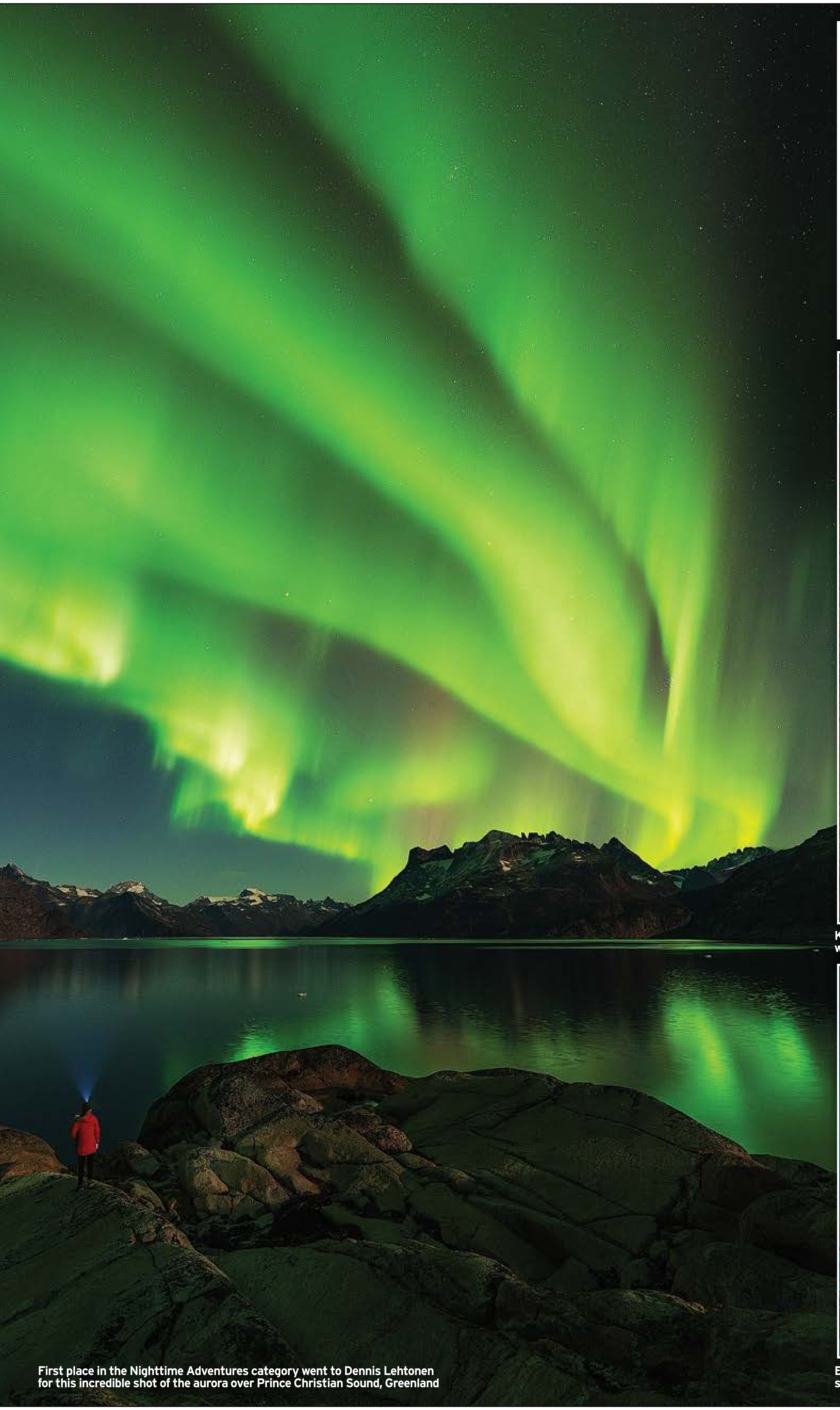
Night fever

Skies are the stars of the show in amazing photo competition


Third place in the Nighttime Adventures category went to Chris Owen for this stunning image of the Milky Way over Bannockburn on New Zealand's South Island


Second place in Nighttime Adventures went to Dustin Bischke's photo of the Milky Way over the town of Waterton in Alberta, Canada, which he waited five hours to snap



First place in the Nighttime Adventures category went to Dennis Lehtonen for this incredible shot of the aurora over Prince Christian Sound, Greenland

BY **JOHNNY GOLDSMITH** Picture Editor

THE Northern Lights dance over the mountains and lakes of Greenland in a mesmerising, prize-winning photograph.

Finnish snapper Dennis Lehtonen took first place in the Nighttime Adventures category of the DarkSky photo competition with his beautiful shot of the aurora over Prince Christian Sound.

The contest, now in its sixth year, celebrates the art of documenting the wonders of dark skies, and aims to highlight increasing light pollution.

Spokesman Drew Reagan said: “Winning photos were selected from 2,288 submissions across 30 countries – sweeping Milky Way vistas, extraordinary nocturnal wildlife, adventures under the stars and images documenting the growing threat facing the nighttime environment.”

Here, we take a look at some of the contest’s standout images...

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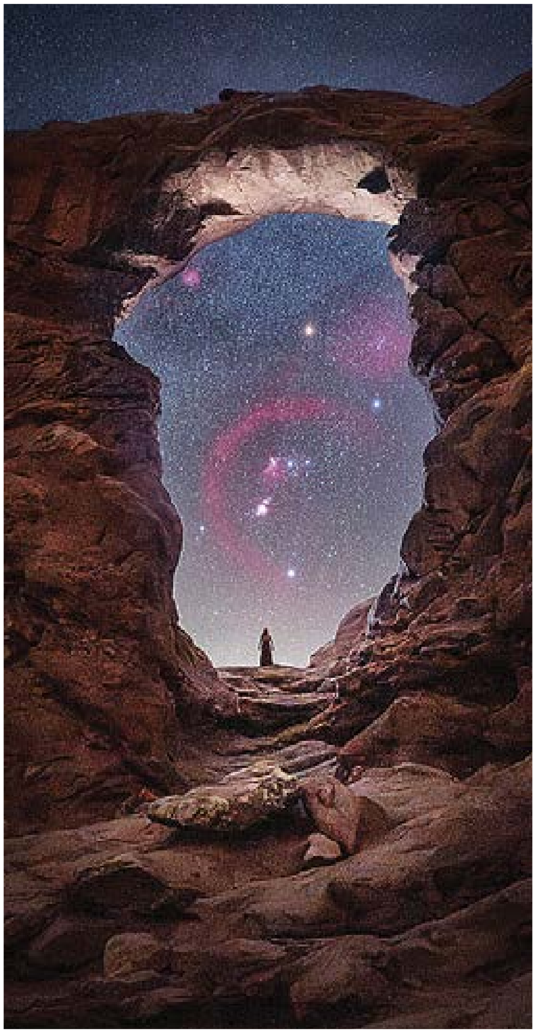

Kat Lawman took first place in International category with a starry shot of Arches National Park in Utah, US

Enrique Barquet won Mobile category with a cellphone snap of the aurora over Mount Shuksan, Washington, US

£1MILLION WINNER'S IN NEED OF WAKE-UP CALL

BY **LUCY THORNTON**

A LOTTO player who bought a £1million ticket weeks ago has yet to claim the win.

National Lottery operator Allwyn says an unknown person paid for the draw held on Wednesday, August 5, in Wakefield, West Yorks.

Andy Carter, the firm's senior winners' advisor, said: "Think back to the weeks leading up to the draw. It was another hot one – perhaps you went out for cooling drinks or an ice lolly and took a chance on a Lotto Lucky Dip?

"Did you stash your ticket in some shorts pocket or a picnic bag? Tell your friends, ask your family, check in with colleagues."

The winning ticket matched five main numbers and the Bonus Ball in Round 2 to win the seven-figure sum. The winning numbers were 12, 14, 16, 22, 29, 59 and the Bonus Ball was 58. If no one claims by midnight on February 1, the cash goes to National Lottery-funded projects.

The biggest unclaimed win was a Euromillions £63.8m pot from a ticket bought in Hertfordshire on June 8, 2012.

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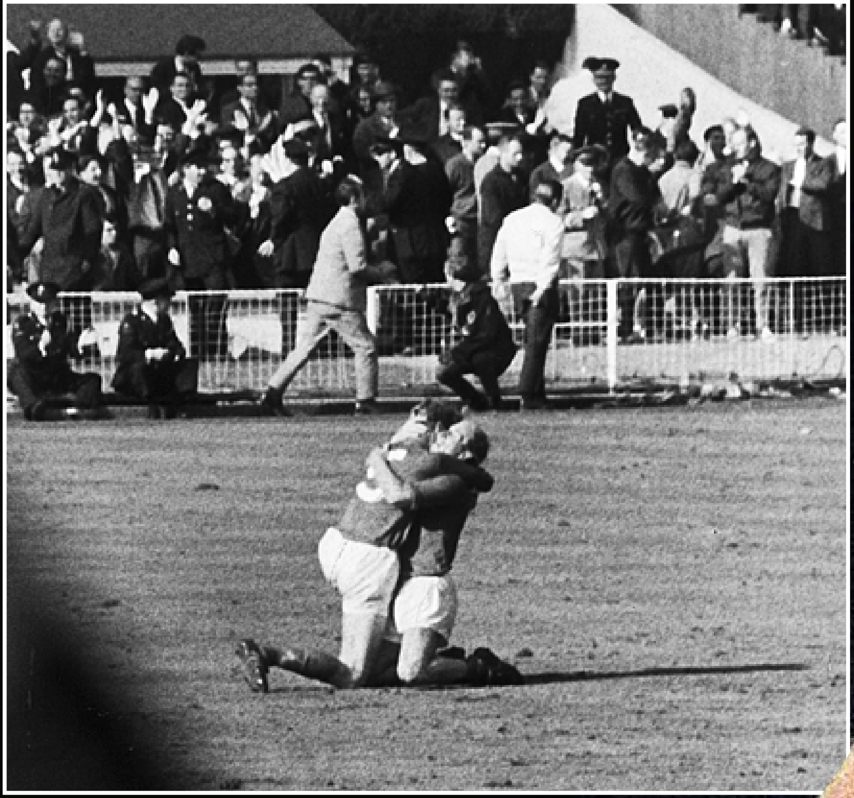
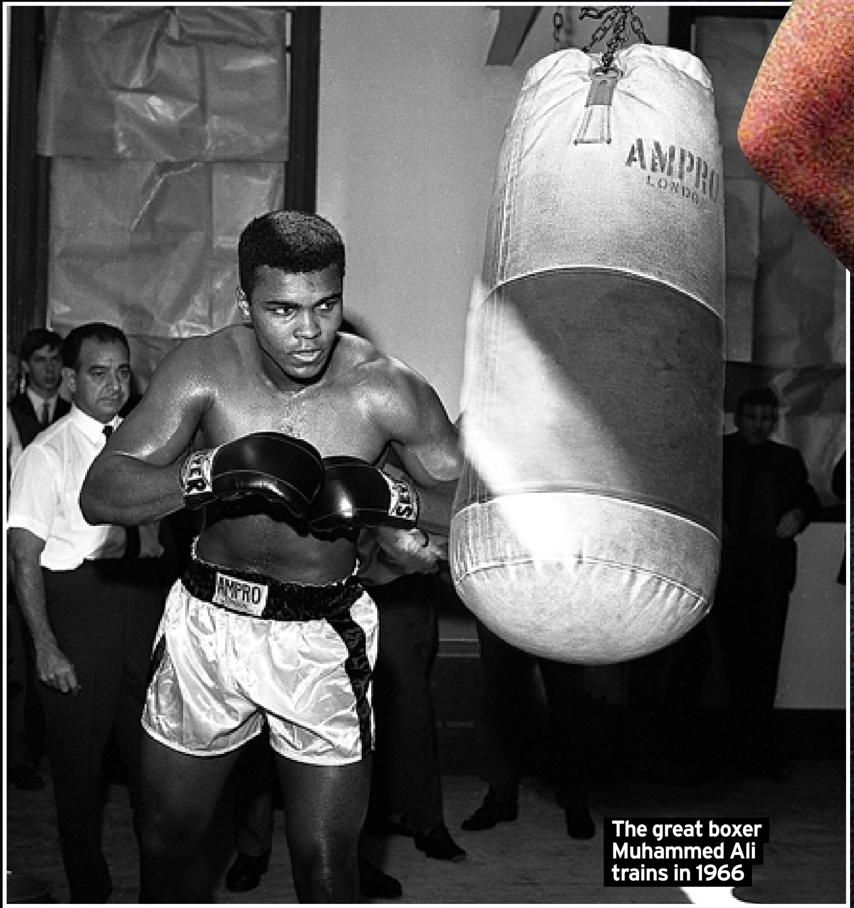


The Charlton brothers hug on the Wembley turf after winning the 1966 World Cup

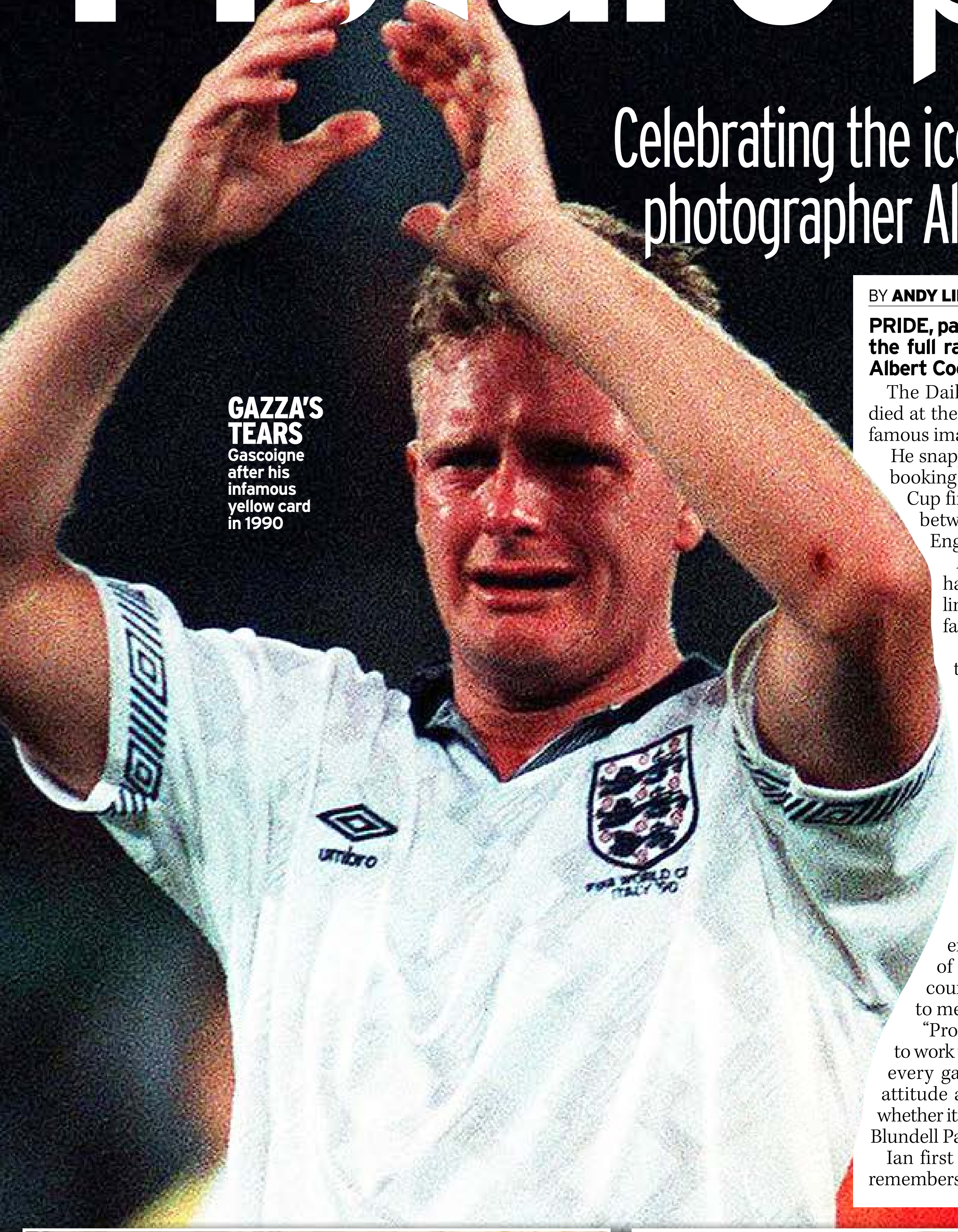


The great boxer Muhammed Ali trains in 1966

Assistant manager Malcolm Allison after Man City's win in 1970 League Cup final

Picture perfect

Celebrating the iconic images taken by Mirror sports photographer Albert Cooper, who has died aged 90



GAZZA'S TEARS
Gascoigne after his infamous yellow card in 1990

BY **ANDY LINES** Chief Reporter

PRIDE, pain, joy, despair... sport produces the full range of human emotions, and Albert Cooper captured them all.

The Daily Mirror photographer, who has died at the age of 90, took some of the most famous images in sporting history.

He snapped Paul Gascoigne's tears after a booking ruled him out of a possible World Cup final in 1990, and the brotherly hug between Bob and Jack Charlton after England's glory 24 years earlier.

And when Derek Redmond tore his hamstring in the 1992 Olympics and limped over the line in the arms of father Jim, Albert was there.

There were also lighter moments, too – such as Manchester City's joy after winning the League Cup in 1970, and Ian Wright celebrating an early England call-up.

ATTITUDE

Ian Down, who worked on the Mirror picture desk for 25 years, said: "Albert Cooper was one of the best sports photographers in the world. A true Mirror legend, the paper was lucky to have him.

"I joined the Mirror at the tail end of Albert's career and beginning of mine, and I'll never forget how courteous, respectful and kind he was to me in those early days.

"Professionally, he was an absolute joy to work with. He treated every assignment, every game, every event with the same attitude and determination, regardless of whether it was a wet Wednesday at Grimsby's Blundell Park or a World Cup Final."

Ian first met Albert during Italia 90, and remembers the moment the veteran snapper captured his famous image of Gazza's tears. He said: "I too was covering that game... I saw first-hand Albert's reaction when his film had been processed and confirmed to himself what an iconic picture he had just taken."

Albert and grandson Matthew King in 2025

In the past 12 months, Albert's grandson Matthew King has curated exhibitions of some iconic works including his Daily Mirror Muhammad Ali pics from the 1960s.

Matthew said when he launched the exhibitions: "Growing up, I never really understood the depth of my grandad's work or what it meant on a larger scale, but I always knew it would mean something one day.

"When I watched the games at this World Cup I thought of the photograph my grandad took of the Charlton brothers at the 1966 World Cup final. People are finally starting to appreciate it for what it is."

Albert, from Lytham St Annes, Lancashire, leaves his wife Mary, daughter Donna, son Dean and grandchildren Matthew, Rebecca, Aimee and Blossom.

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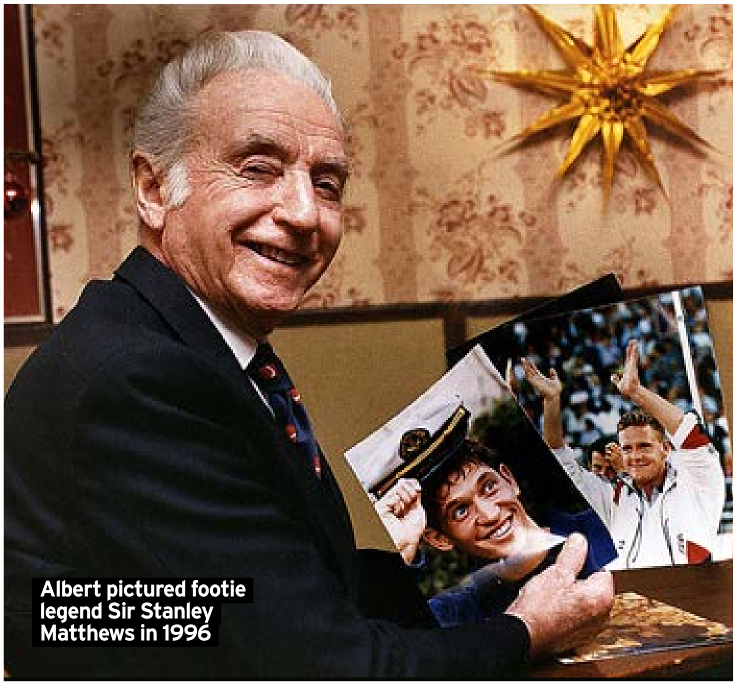
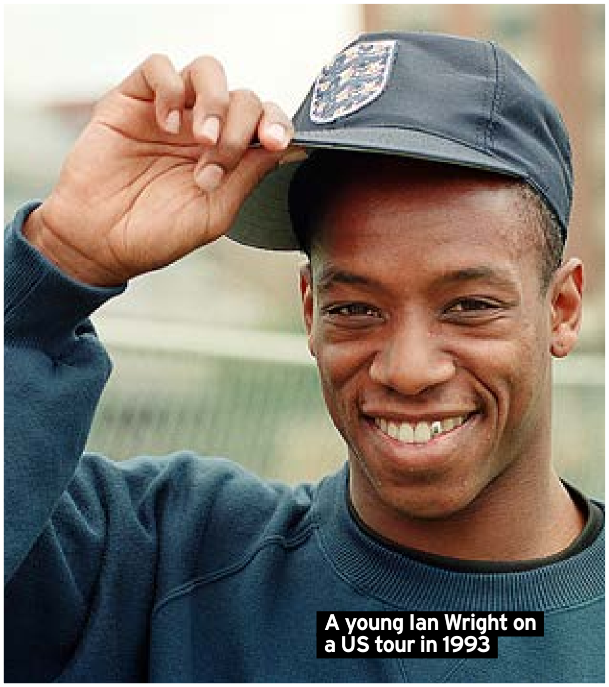
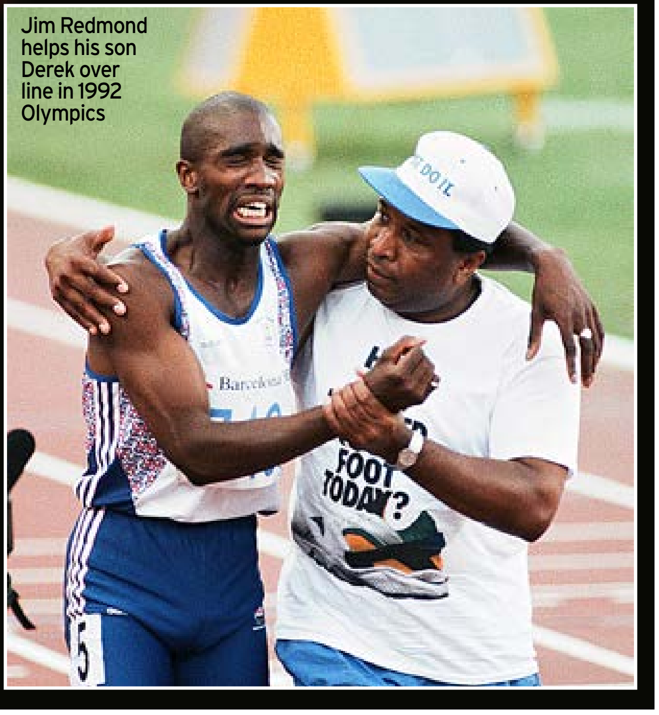


Albert pictured footie legend Sir Stanley Matthews in 1996



A young Ian Wright on a US tour in 1993



Jim Redmond helps his son Derek over line in 1992 Olympics

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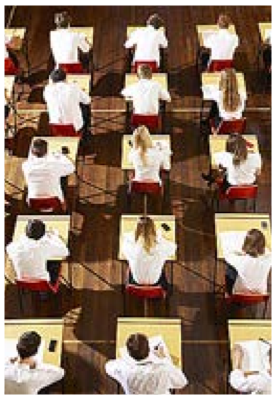

A GCSE examination hall

Boys leave school ‘not having skill to succeed’

BY **ELLIE NG**

BOYS are consistently leaving school without the qualifications they need to thrive in adult life, an expert has said.

GCSE results out today are expected to show the usual gap between boys’ and girls’ achievements.

Though last year’s was the smallest gap since 2000 (24.5% of girls’ GCSE papers were graded at least 7/A to 19.4% of boys’) the Centre for Policy Research on Men and Boys says the issue is a concern.

CPRMB research officer Martha Lucas said: “Girls are consistently outperforming boys in education.

“The gap emerges in early years education.

“It then continues into Sats and across GCSEs.

“Around a third of boys’ entries to GCSE are consistently not meeting a grade four each year.

INHERENT

“For a lot of employment, meeting that grade four in maths and English is a barrier. So boys are consistently leaving school without the qualifications nor education necessary for them to thrive.”

In a forecast report ahead of GCSEs this year, Prof Alan Smithers of the University of Buckingham said: “The sex differences in education achievement are so regular and persistent that they could be inherent differences.

“This should be taken on board in any inquiry.”

But Prof Lee Elliot Major, of the University of Exeter, said it was a stretch to say boys are biologically less suited to education.

He added: “There’s no single reason boys do less well at school.”

Prime Minister Andy Burnham said last month technical subjects will be available to 14-year-olds from September 2028.

New Grand Tour trio ready to take the wheel

Francis, Thomas and James have fun breaking some cars

BY **JASMINE ALLDAY**

THE all-new Grand Tour team are revving up for series seven as they take over motoring duties from a trio of TV legends.

Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May have passed the keys on to Francis Bourgeois, James Engelsman and Thomas Holland.

Trainspotter Francis and his pals, who host the YouTube hit Throttle House, this series pit the greatest American cars – including the £2million, 2,000-horsepower Hennessey Venom F5 Revolution Evolution – against a bunch of fighter jets.

They will also enjoy a few aquatic adventures and tackle some of the big motoring questions such as: What is the most unbreakable car in history?

The original trio will make guest appearances when the show returns to Prime Video from September 4.

James sets sail in scene from trailer

ADHD sufferers’ fury at ‘shameful’ C4 show

Mum Shauna with son Mason

BY **NICOLA METHVEN** TV Editor

VIEWERS with ADHD have spoken of their anger as the backlash against The Great ADHD Myth? grows.

The controversial Channel 4 programme, fronted by psychiatrist Dr Max Pemberton, set out to show that ADHD was a “social construct” rather than a neurodevelopmental problem.

But one viewer said on social media: “It made me feel sad and invalidated, because ADHD is a very real part of my life.” Another agreed: “I have come away feeling anxious, sad, invalidated and questioning myself... after years of research and struggle.”

1,000 complaints in backlash

Another wrote: “I’ve never seen anything more one-sided... this is barely scientific, incorrect and dangerous rhetoric.”

Another said Channel 4 should be “ashamed for airing this about an already potentially vulnerable group”.

Many of those who responded to a questionnaire from charity ADHD UK after the programme aired on Tuesday night said they now had people questioning whether their diagnosis was even real.

One said: “Family members using it against me – pressure to stop medication.” Several said they would hide the fact they had ADHD in future.

And a survey to gauge opinion on the documentary found that 94% believed it to be unfair, with 80% feeling it will stop people seeking assessments.

Regulator Ofcom has received more than 1,000 complaints.

On the show, Mason, 10, was taken off medication to see whether he improved. At the very end it was revealed that, after filming ended, his mum Shauna restarted the meds because his schoolwork deteriorated.

Channel 4 said it had “a remit to stimulate public debate”.

Dr Max Pemberton

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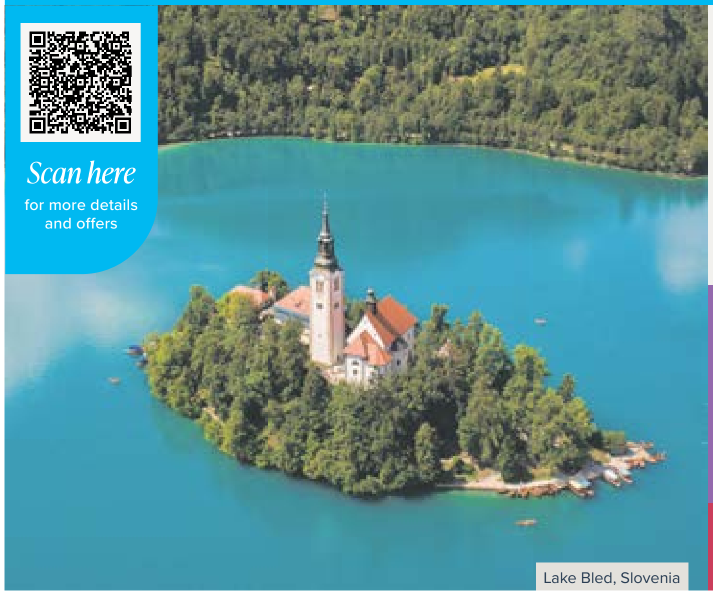

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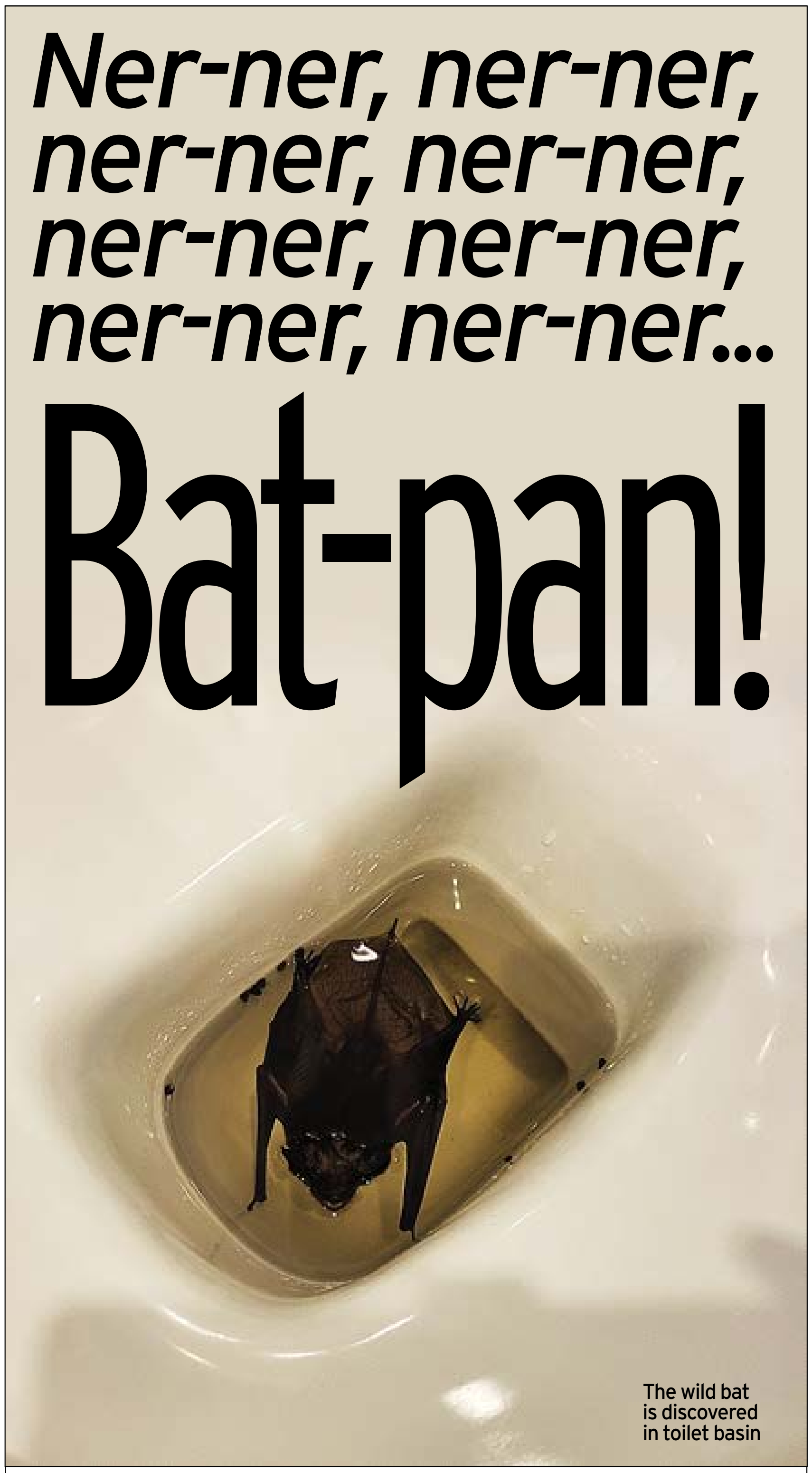

The wild bat is discovered in toilet basin

Woman finds animal hiding in her loo

BY **ANDERS ANGLESEY**

ANY chance of a little privacy? This bat doesn't look happy to be disturbed after finding an unusual spot to cool off in the heatwave.

A householder made the unusual discovery – and immediately named her new friend "Louis".

She carefully scooped him up with a trowel, dried him off and then handed him over to Sussex Bat Group volunteers.

The woman, who asked not to be named, said: "I've learnt so much about bats from this wonderful and unsought encounter with a beautiful wild creature, including that so many are dehydrated.

"They can find refuge in the tiniest gaps under hung tiles and in other nooks and crannies on older buildings."

Little Louis was taken into the care of Sussex Bat Hospital's Amanda Millar, who confirmed he was a serotine – one of the UK's largest bat species.

Thin and exhausted on arrival, a week of rest and a steady diet of mealworms restored him to full health and a test flight proved he was fit enough to return home and take wing into the night.

Sussex Wildlife Trust is reminding residents that summer heatwaves can leave bats dehydrated and searching for water in unexpected places.

Louis was nursed back to health

Anyone who finds a bat in distress is encouraged to contact their local Bat Group for advice.

According to the UK Bat Conservation Trust, the serotine is one of the first to appear in the evening, often when it is still light.

After catching something like a large beetle, the serotine will slowly fly around, chewing on its prey and dropping the wing cases and legs. It tends to fly at around treetop height.

Sometimes the bats will flop with their wings outstretched on to foliage in order to catch large insects, and will feed around street lamps.

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Brother of Moors Murders victim Keith Bennett on mum's haunting last words

'We never found him, did we?'

Brady and police in 1986 grave search

EXCLUSIVE

BY **DAN WARBURTON**

THE brother of Moors Murder victim Keith Bennett has told how their mother spent her final days slipping in and out of consciousness while repeating: "We never found him, did we?"

Winnie Johnson died aged 78 on August 18, 2012 without learning the truth of her son's fate despite a desperate campaign to persuade Keith's killer, Ian Brady, to reveal where his body was buried.

To mark the 14th anniversary of her death, her son Alan wrote online: "I wish I could look back on that day as a peaceful end to her pain.

"But the memory of her slipping in and out of consciousness, and in her confused state asking where Keith is and then saying, 'We never found him, did we?' will haunt me forever."

Keith was abducted in 1964 aged 12 as he made his way to visit his grandmother in Manchester.

He was then killed by Brady and his accomplice Myra Hindley.

In 2012, as Winnie's life ebbed away due to bowel cancer, Brady's mental health advocate Jackie Powell told a TV documentary he had given her an envelope to pass on to Winnie if he died.

ORDEAL

She was arrested on suspicion of preventing Keith's lawful burial – but the letter was never found.

The Crown Prosecution Service later said no further action would be taken against Ms Powell, of Llanelli, Carmarthenshire, because it could not be established that she knew the contents of the letter, what information it might have contained or whether the letter in question even really existed.

Writing about the ordeal, Alan said: "I received a phone call from the police to inform me that two units were on their way, one to raid Powell's house and another to search Brady's room, in the hope of finding the letter or anything else that may help to bring Keith home.

"This was, again, a time when friends of Brady were claiming he was bedridden, in a lot of pain, and not far from death. When the police arrived at Ashworth Hospital [a high-security psychiatric facility near Liverpool] he was far from being unable to walk.

"He was very animated and abusive to the police, and shouting for his solicitor. We made sure that Mam was unaware of what was happening. She had more than her share of hopes that turned out to be nothing more than false hopes while she was well, we made sure there would be no more in her last days."

Vile Brady had in 1986 seemed to help police find Keith's grave but a search on the Moors proved fruitless. Alan added: "As a family we took turns sat or stood around Mam's bed doing and saying all we could to make her passing as peaceful as possible, noticing Brady's face in the news and on the television in the hospice as if continuing to mock our family.

"A great shock to the police was the discovery of what can only be described as the huge amount of 'fan mail' they found in Brady's room... It is impossible to even try to describe the mixture of emotions we all felt. It was not the peaceful time it could have been, but, then again, there has never been too many peaceful times." Keith was the third of five known victims of vile Brady and Hindley.

The bodies of John Kilbride, 12, and Lesley Ann Downey, 10, were found at Saddleworth Moor near Manchester in 1965.

Edward Evans, 17, was found at their house in 1965. The body of Pauline Reade, 16, was found on the moor in 1987, 24 years after her murder.

Hindley died in 2002, aged 60, and Brady in 2017, at 79. They were serving whole-life terms.

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> **"It was not the peaceful time it could have been, but there has never been too many peaceful times**
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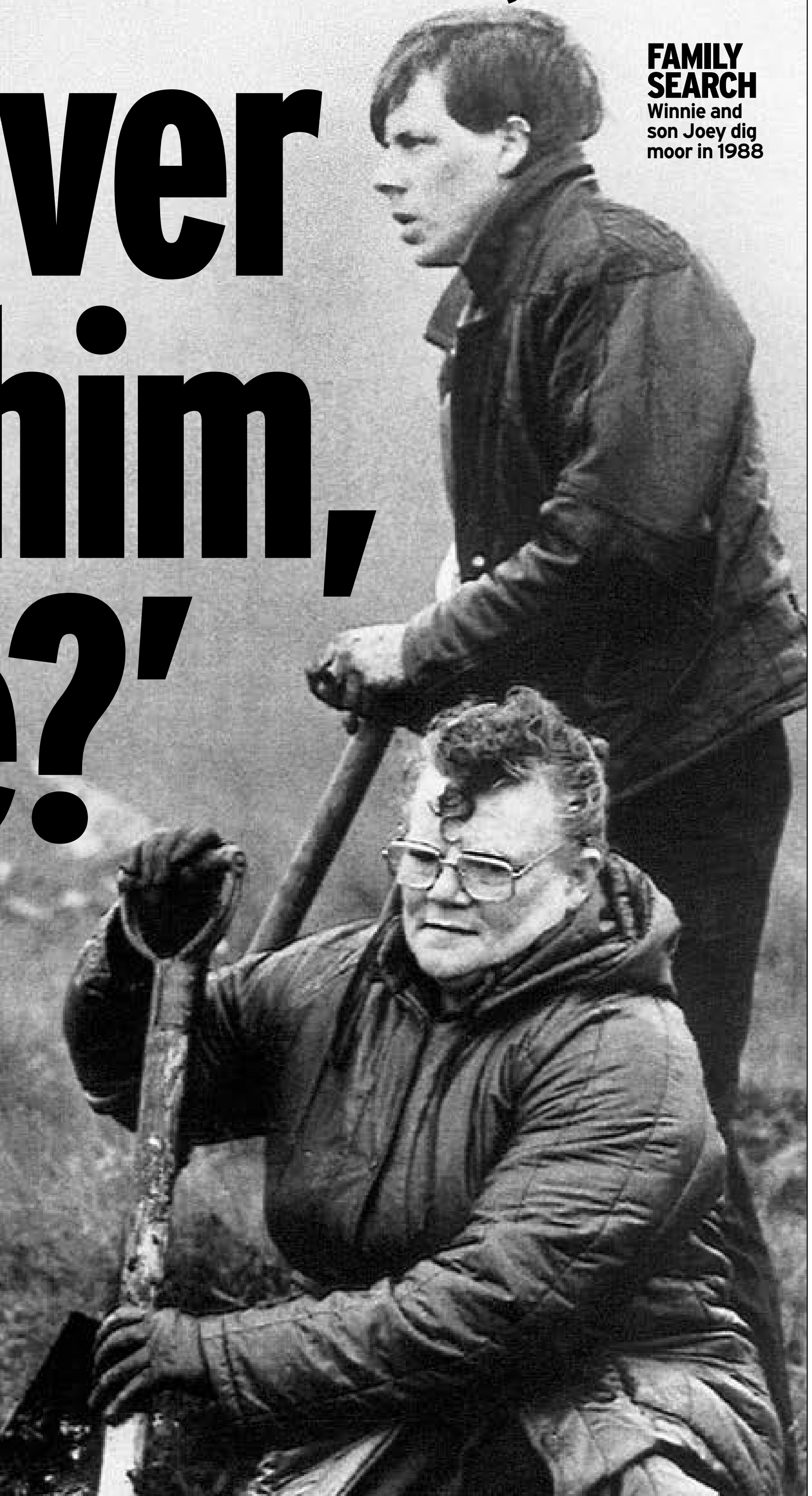
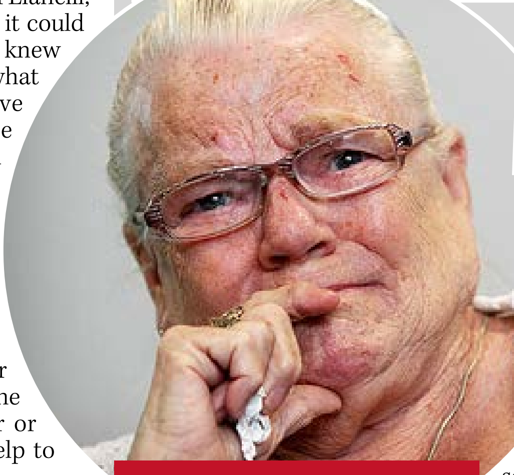
> **ALAN BENNETT** ON HIS MUM'S PASSING

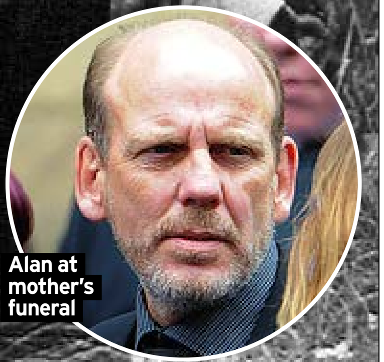


FAMILY SEARCH
Winnie and son Joey dig moor in 1988

Mother on moors in July 2005



Winnie weeps during 2009 update on search for Keith, *above*



Alan at mother's funeral

Depraved murderers Ian Brady and Myra Hindley

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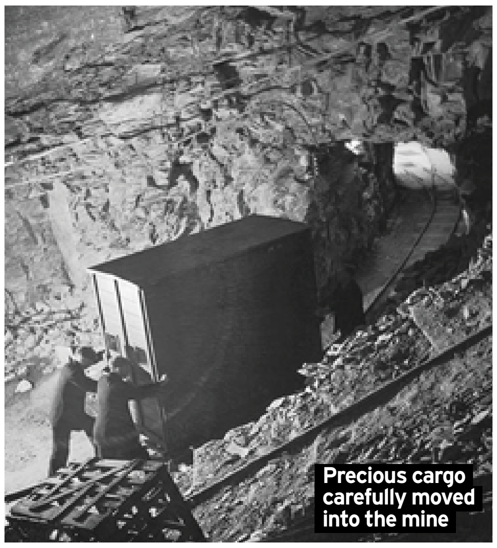


Precious cargo carefully moved into the mine

Er… it's just lorries full of butter…

How rehousing 2,000 of the National Gallery's finest pieces was kept secret from the public

EXCLUSIVE

BY **MATTHEW DENNISON**

During the late summer of 1941, the slopes of the Ffestiniog hills in North Wales provided an unexpected setting for lorries and canvas-covered trucks on loan from two of the nation's major railways.

None of the vehicles were on railway business and none carried passengers. Instead, carefully loaded, the transported goods were worth the equivalent of tens of millions of pounds today.

Just months after the Luftwaffe had destroyed or damaged two million homes in the Blitz – killing 40,000 civilians – the lorries were full of some of the nation's most valuable artworks belonging to the National Gallery.

The fleet was conspicuous on these little-travelled lanes. As manoeuvres began, gossip was rife in nearby towns and villages.

Captain John Sydney Matthews, owner of Manod Quarry, attempted to silence speculation. He told the owner of the local paper shop the quarry was being used to store lorry loads of butter. In reality, it was the greatest evacuation of art treasures in British history.

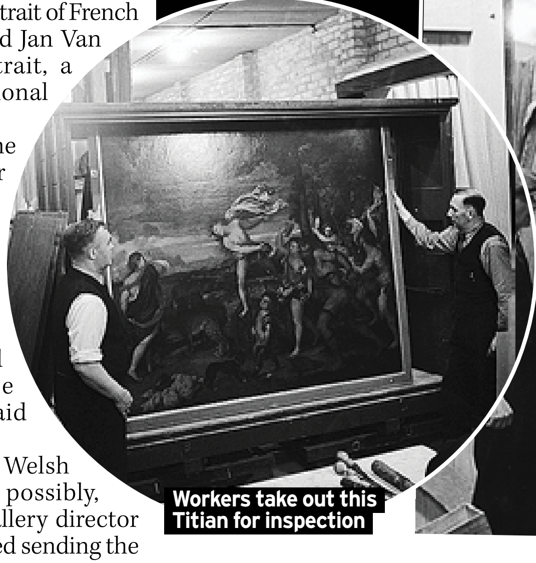
The successful relocation to the disused quarry 250 miles from London may well have saved some of our best-loved paintings from destruction by Nazi bombs.

The 2,000 works in question included masterpieces by Rembrandt and Van Dyck, as well as Philippe de Champaigne's large portrait of French statesman Cardinal Richelieu and Jan Van Eyck's Arnolfini Marriage Portrait, a favourite of visitors to the National Gallery since 1843.

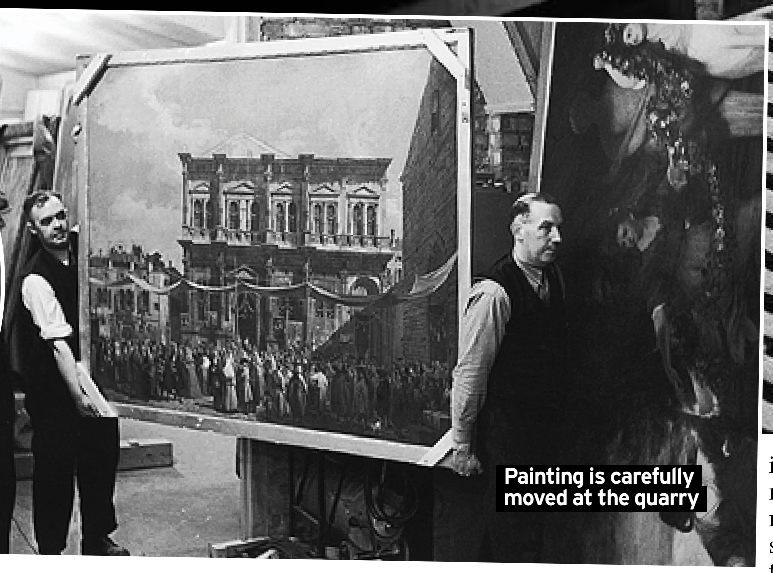
The first paintings arrived at the quarry on August 12. By September 16, all 2,000 artworks had successfully been moved into their new home. Many of these priceless works of art had been out of London for at least two years, hidden in different locations.

Almost a decade had passed since the first meeting of the Museums and Galleries Air Raid Precautions Committee in 1933.

Its plans had not included a Welsh quarry plagued by damp and, possibly, subsidence. Instead, National Gallery director Kenneth Clark originally considered sending the paintings to Canada for safekeeping.



Workers take out this Titian for inspection



Painting is carefully moved at the quarry

That scheme was halted by none other than Prime Minister Winston Churchill, himself an enthusiastic amateur artist.

"Hide them in caves and cellars, but not one picture shall leave this island," Britain's wartime leader told Clark.

Which is precisely what happened. By the time workmen had finished constructing special galleries in Manod Quarry, Churchill's "caves and cellars" were in fact six underground brick structures put up at considerable speed within a series of large, dark caverns. Building work was carried out as cheaply as possible. The Office of Works scrutinised every estimate painstakingly.

At a time when little help was given to civilians affected by the Blitz in cities including London, Cardiff, Liverpool, Coventry and Birmingham, the government was determined to avoid criticism that more care was being taken of works of art than of ordinary Britons.

Even so, around £65,000 in current values was spent building a new road to the quarry.

Before the paintings' evacuation, many of them had been temporarily rehomed in private houses. Like the quarry, the majority of those houses were in North Wales, an area considered unlikely to attract enemy bombing.

Other homes included Old Quarries in the Cotswolds village of Avening, which was protected by anti-tank ditches.

It belonged to Lord Lee who, in 1921, had given Chequers – now the prime minister's country retreat – to the nation. Lord Lee hung up all 222 paintings sent to him and requested his servants to take special care of them, including with nighttime patrols.

A debate about how best to protect the paintings from theft led to heated arguments on the committee. One member insisted policemen carrying shotguns would only draw attention to the whereabouts of the paintings, which was meant to be secret.

It turned out the pieces were more in danger from the eccentric, bad-tempered or uncooperative men and women who first agreed to give them wall space.

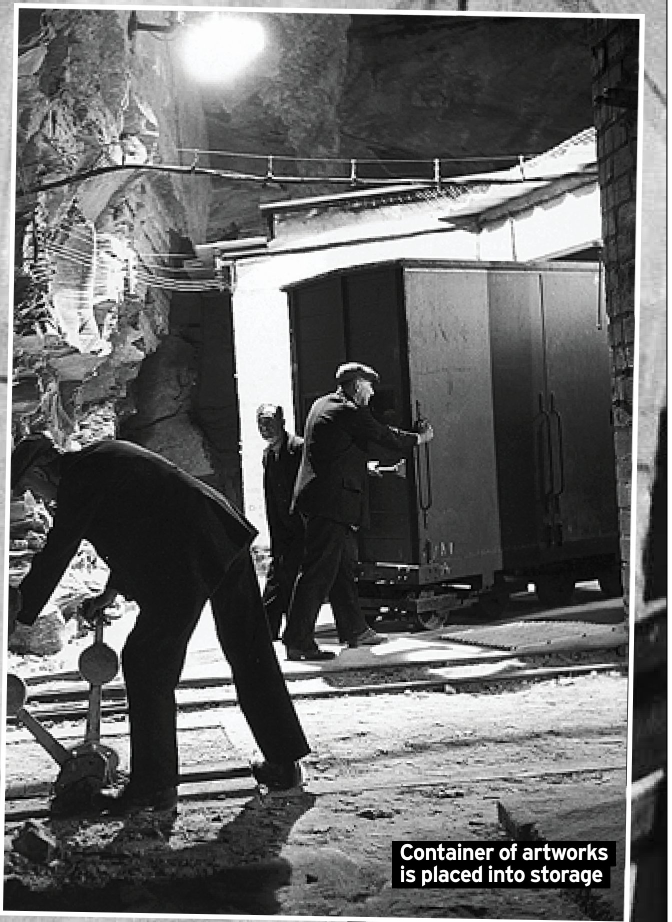
No wonder the National Gallery decided to transfer the pictures to Manod Quarry.

At Crosswood House, near Aberystwyth, the Earl of Lisburne was quick to create difficulties for gallery staff. He had not anticipated that winter storage of priceless works of art would require him to put the heating on.

He was so irritated at being expected to fire up

EST EVACUATION OF ARTWORKS

VALUED CARGO A painting by Paolo Veronese



Container of artworks is placed into storage

Cardinal Richelieu by de Champaigne

> “Hide them... but not one picture shall leave this island

his antiquated heating system that he decided instead to rent his house to a girls’ school, a threat that encouraged gallery authorities to pay him £80 a year towards running costs. Even then, Lord Lisburne disliked sharing his house with curators and security staff and insisted that an extension be built to accommodate them.

So hot was the Crosswood heating system when it worked that it risked drying out the paintings. Curators were forced to cover pipes and radiators with damp towels to fill rooms with steam.

Gallery staff had already experienced similar problems at Penrhyn Castle outside Bangor. It belonged to Hugh Napier Douglas-Pennant, 4th Baron Penrhyn, who had a fierce temper and a taste for strong alcohol. It was an enormous building with a roof covering two acres. In the early days of the war, Penrhyn Castle looked like an appealing option. High ceilings in the building itself and the tall doors of its coach houses enabled it to house the gallery’s biggest paintings.

Among them was Van Dyck’s famous portrait of Charles I on horseback, which stands at almost 12ft tall.

Lord Penrhyn himself, however, proved less accommodating than his house. “The owner is celebrating the war by being fairly constantly drunk,” one gallery worker wrote to his superiors in London. He was alarmed when Lord Penrhyn stumbled sloshed into the dining room, where the most valuable paintings were stored, accompanied by his dog.

So when a scientific advisor to the National Gallery discovered Manod Quarry, it seemed like an answer to a prayer.

Building work included installing a telephone system and an air-conditioning system.

This was so successful that, in 1944, a gallery report noted the good condition of the paintings and drawings in underground storage, “with no sign whatsoever of deterioration due to occupation of the quarry”.

News of the National Gallery’s successful evacuation of its priceless collection spread quickly among museum directors and prominent collectors. By the end of the war, a number of distinguished collections had been temporarily rehomed in these hidden bunkers in the Welsh hills, including paintings from Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle, alongside pictures from King George VI’s private collection.

In the summer of 1941, the transfer of all 2,000 paintings was organised with military precision. A team of 20 men, including a handful previously employed as rail track inspectors, unloaded the lorries by hand.

Three years later, the whole operation was repeated in reverse.

By December 1945, all 2,000 paintings had been safely returned to Trafalgar Square.

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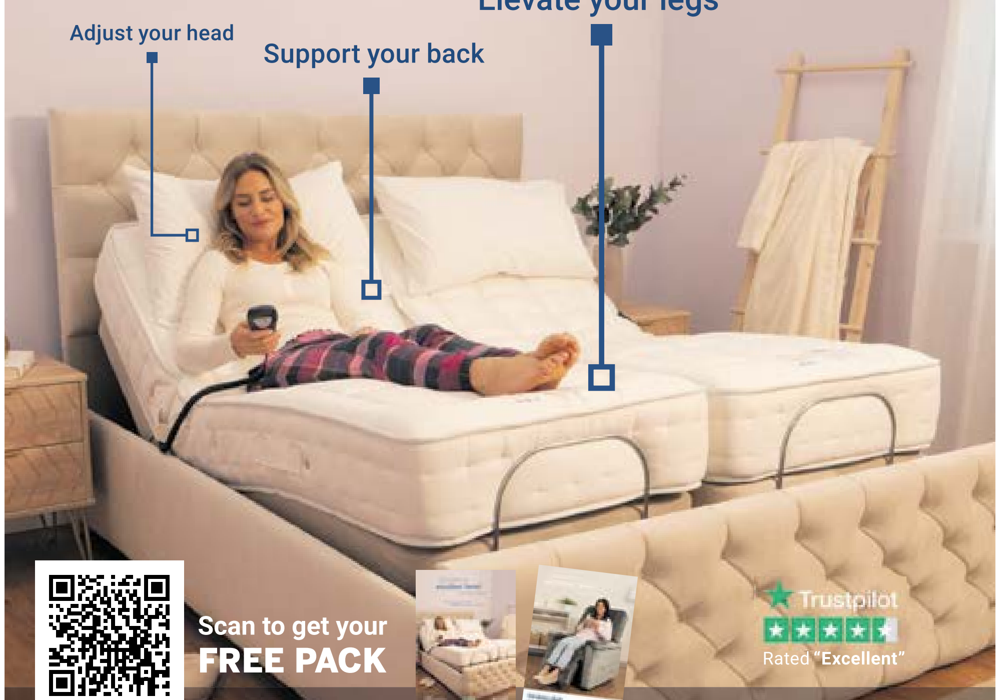
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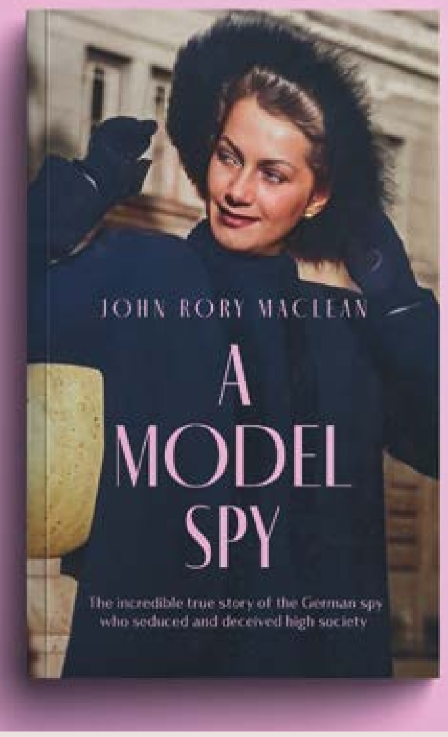
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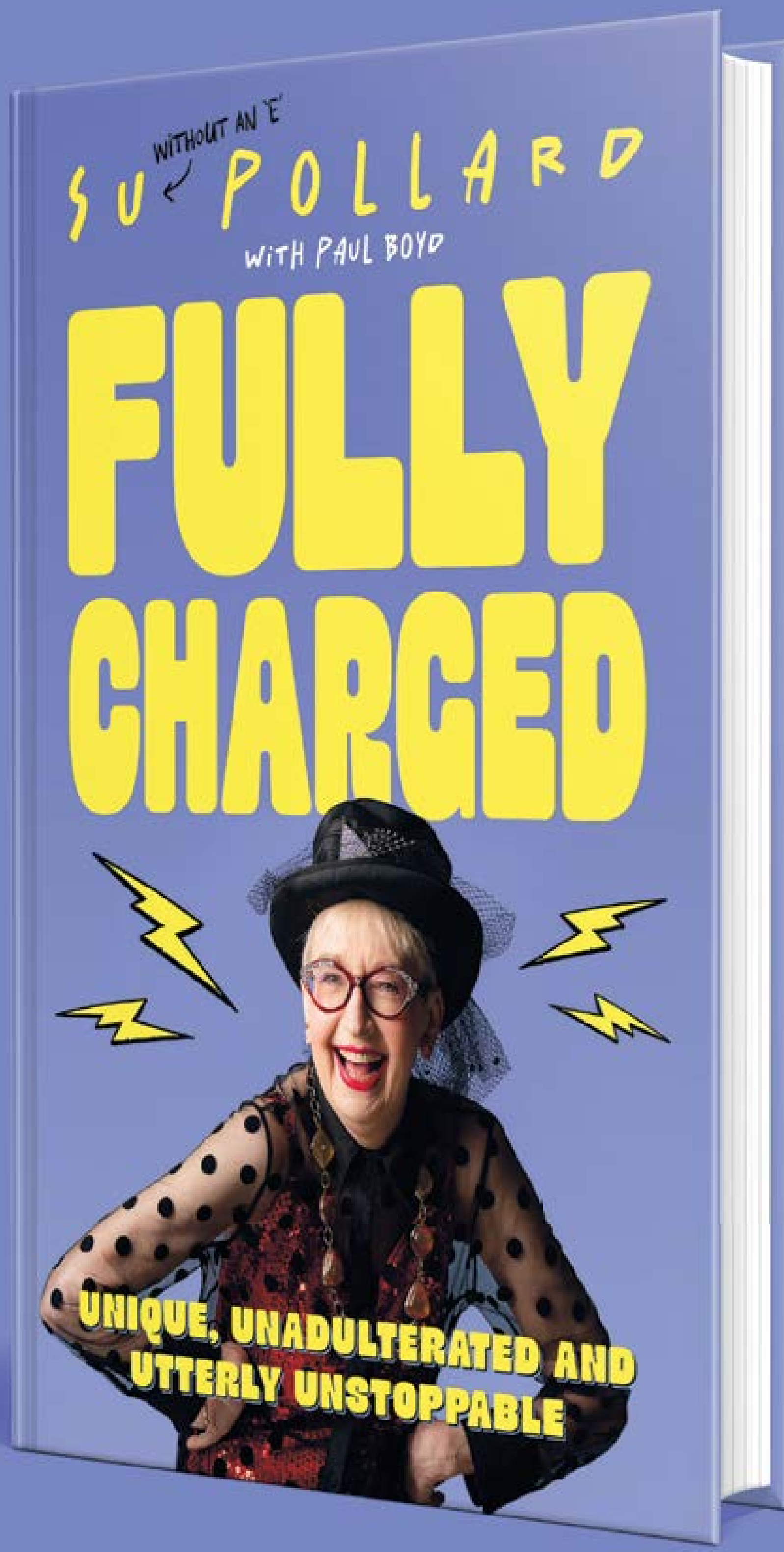
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The audio firm has released its latest QuietComfort Headphones (2nd Gen), which not only feature a refreshed design but also much better sound-blocking technology. Tucked inside the casing is a six-microphone system that constantly checks the environment and blanks out sounds you don't want to hear. So a noisy cafe becomes almost silent and a busy city won't ruin a chilled playlist.

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Its standout feature has to be the massive 7300mAh battery tucked inside, which Xiaomi reckons can deliver up to 28 hours of video playback and 91 hours of music playback.

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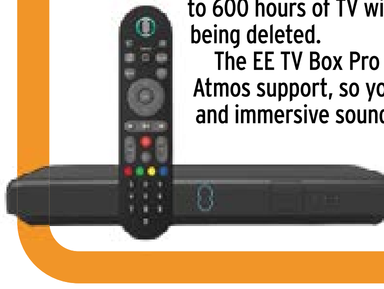

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SAMSUNG Z FOLD8

Samsung's new Galaxy Z Fold8 now offers a bigger screen for watching on the move. This passport-style device opens like a book to reveal a huge 7.6-inch display. Thanks to its unique shape, the main screen feels far more like a tablet than a phone, so there's more space to see every kick of the ball.

5G technology should stop any stuttering and long battery life will keep the screen glowing even if there's extra time.

The Galaxy Fold8 costs £1,699 from Amazon.

NET RESULTS

SKY STREAM

Sky's Stream box lets you tune in to hundreds of games without needing a satellite dish stuck to the chimney. This palm-sized device simply connects to the internet and offers full access to live channels, including Sky Sports and TNT, via your broadband.

A TV guide, personalised content recommendations and voice search are also included.

And don't worry if you miss a goal. A smart Playlists function which lets you store content so you can watch it on catch-up later.

Sky Stream service with sports access starts from £35 per month.

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Google's answer to Apple

New Pixel smartphone series brings a range of new tricks, including colour-coded contacts, faster charging and clever camera modes

QUESTIONS *Use Gemini assistant*

Google has unveiled its latest batch of Pixel smartphones, and they get a nifty upgrade that Apple and Samsung can't currently match. The new Pixel 11 Pro and larger Pro XL now include a neat HiLight feature, built around the flash on the rear case.

These mini LEDs then glow to signal that notifications are incoming.

This means you can have the device face down on the desk and never miss those important daily alerts. You can even assign custom colours to the people in your contacts so you'll know exactly who is calling without ever looking at the display.

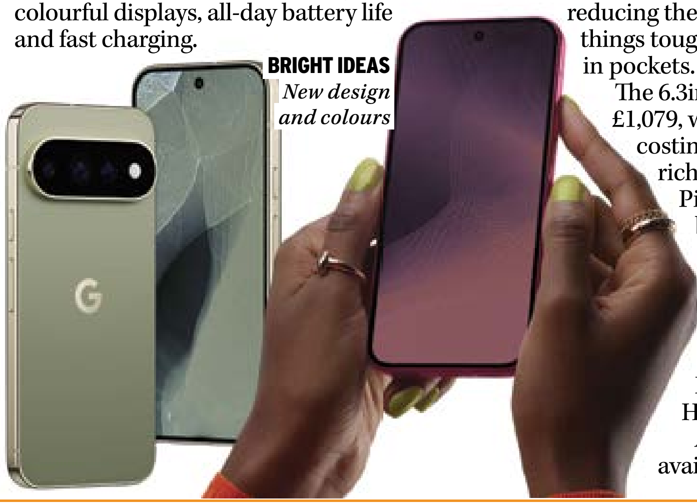
Ask Google's clever Gemini assistant a question, and the HiLight's LEDs also glow in different patterns to signal that it's listening, thinking, or responding.

Google says more features are on the way, including the ability to see text message alerts from friends and family.

Along with HiLight, Google has packed plenty of other updates inside its new Android phones, including a faster Tensor G6 processor, which offers a big boost to performance and its AI capabilities. So the phone becomes more helpful through the day with things like finding perfect dinner locations or instantly showing your calendar availability when a friend texts, asking if you are free. The rear cameras have also been redesigned to offer better zoom shots and improved night photos.

There's even a new Magic Capture mode which lets you record a moment, such as family barbecue, with the phone finding and editing perfect high-quality photos from it that can then be instantly shared.

That means you can enjoy the event without constantly snapping away on the shutter button. Other extras include bright and colourful displays, all-day battery life and fast charging.



BRIGHT IDEAS *New design and colours*

> *'Phone becomes more helpful through the day'*

Pixelsnap technology is also back and magnetically locks the device in the perfect position when refilling things wirelessly on a compatible stand.

Google has also updated the design in 2026, reducing the camera bump and making things tougher to help it survive years in pockets.

The 6.3in Pixel 11 Pro starts from £1,079, with the bigger 6.8in XL costing £1,279. If that sounds a bit rich, then there's also a £879 Pixel 11, which gets a speed bump from the upgraded Tensor G6 processor, a new design, extra colours – including a very bold Hibiscus pink – and better cameras. Sadly, the standard Pixel 11 misses out on the HiLight notification LED.

All of these devices are available to buy from today.

Gaming price hikes hitting

By **TOM HUTCHISON**

Second-hand sales sites are seeing a boom in Xbox console demands after Microsoft upped the price of its gaming machines by a whopping 43%.

The computer firm has increased the price of Xbox consoles worldwide, citing rising costs of memory and storage chips.

And it is really biting in the UK in particular, with a baseline Xbox Series S console now costing £430 – a 43% increase over its previous £300 price tag.

Its premium Series X console with a disc drive will now cost £670, when it previously retailed for £500.

As a result, sites like Gumtree are seeing a surge of interest in folk seeking to buy a second-hand machine from gamers ready to offload their devices on the cheap.

Nav Dhillon, CEO at Gumtree, said: "The latest Xbox price increases have prompted an immediate response from cost-conscious gamers.

"In the first four days of August alone, we saw more than 12,000 searches for Xbox consoles on Gumtree, as buyers looked for ways to avoid the significantly higher cost of buying new."

Xbox is among a host of tech firms to have told consumers that spiralling component costs mean they must charge more.

grand theft auto VI

Rival Sony hiked PlayStation 5 prices by £90 in March.

Amazon's gaming boss recently said increasing hardware costs may lead more people to ditch consoles and stream games instead.

It all comes ahead of this winter's release of what will almost certainly be the biggest gaming title release of all time, Grand Theft Auto 6.

HOME AND HOSED

Who needs airports, delayed flights and the joy of paying £7 for a sandwich? Let us embrace the staycation and turn those patios into a place you'll want to spend the day. Here are Peter Jenkinson's picks of the best garden gadgets and games.

CANAL VIDEO CAMERA AND PROJECTOR – £70 FROM ARGOS

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Part camera, part video recorder, part mini cinema, this clever gadget niftily turns snaps into big-screen entertainment. Kids can conveniently capture their adventures, add filters and frames, then project the results for everyone to enjoy.

NOODLE FLIP – £24.99 FROM ZATU

NOODLE FLIP

Noodle Flip takes the humble noodle and gives it a competitive makeover. Flip, catch and complete challenges as you battle to become the ultimate noodle champion. It's quick, daft and surprisingly addictive – the sort of game that starts innocently enough before everyone becomes fiercely determined to defeat dad.

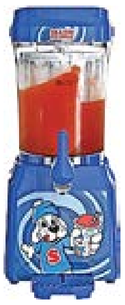
SLIP AND SLIDE EXTRA-LONG – £85.81 FROM AMAZON

Turn your space into a full-blown water park with this giant slip-and-slide. With sprinklers, water-slicked lanes and inflatable bodyboards inside, it's an invitation to get absolutely soaked. Just check your area is not suffering a hosepipe ban.

PIZZA OVEN – £319.99 FROM JOHN LEWIS

Forget the faffing of a barbecue, pizza night can have everyone partake in creating a slice of Italy. Add the toppings and bang them in this rather dashing-looking portable Gozney Roccbox. A tasty treat will be ready to devour in minutes and beat even the most determined delivery driver.

SLUSH PUPPY MACHINE – £43.99 FROM AMAZON



Bring a bit of the seaside vibe home with this Slush Puppie machine from Fizz Creations, turning drinks into gloriously icy slushies whenever the mood strikes. Ideal for garden parties, hot afternoons and anyone who believes every beverage is improved by being frozen.

X-SHOT WATER TURBO – £14.99 FROM AMAZON

Summer warfare has arrived. This XSHOT Water Turbo turns any innocent afternoon in the garden into a full-scale soaking battle; this unassuming blaster has a powerful stream to catch unsuspecting targets off-guard. Great fun for kids, parents and anyone who thought they'd escaped the water fight by hiding behind the bushes.

Audi's e-tron is an A2-lister

Audi has commenced testing of its new A2 e-tron and is already on the way to making it one of its most efficient models to date.

The A2 e-tron, which revives a nameplate made famous by the innovative city car first introduced in 2000, returns as an electric car built in the same ethos as its predecessor. Key focus has been placed on efficiency, alongside smart packaging which allows a compact car to deliver high levels of interior space.

Already, the German brand has said that the A2 e-tron is the "most efficient Audi of all time". In recent tests, the A2 e-tron managed a score of 4.85mi/kWh.

Audi has confirmed that the production-ready version of the A2 e-tron will be unveiled this autumn, where it will arrive as the entry point to the brand's range of EVs.

MOTORING

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B03 TAKES A LEAP INTO ITS AI FUTURE

Leapmotor will look to take on the likes of the Renault 5 and Cupra Raval with a new compact electric car – the B03.

Unveiled in Leapmotor's native China, the new B03 follows on from the recently introduced B05, which rivals cars such as the Volkswagen Golf.

The brand has also said the B03 will offer a "next-generation AI-powered digital experience", suggesting artificial intelligence could be used to control certain elements of the car.

Leapmotor also says the B03 will return a range of up to 316 miles, which would make it one of the longest in its class. That puts it ahead of the Volkswagen ID. Polo too, which rivals the B03 but has a lower claimed range of 281 miles. There's no confirmation on when the B03 will arrive in the UK, though it's likely to be towards the end of this year.

DACIA GOES STER CRAZY ON HYBRID

Dacia has expanded its popular Duster and Bigster SUV line-up with a clever new Hybrid 150 4x4 option.

This system is designed for everyday drivers who want the savings of a hybrid alongside extra grip when the weather turns bad or the roads get muddy

Starting at £26,845 for the Duster and £29,265 for the larger Bigster, the car mostly runs on a standard petrol engine driving the front wheels. However, a smart electric motor sits at the back to power the rear wheels only when the front tyres start to slip, to give you automatic four-wheel drive safety when you need it, and switches off when you don't in order to save fuel.

Both models are on sale now, with smart driving modes for snow or mud, plus automated downhill braking to keep you fully in control.

They say God loves Destrier

Bugatti has revealed its latest unique commission: the Destrier. Built by the marque's hyper-exclusive Programme Solitaire, this one-of-one masterpiece sits alongside the FKP Hommage and Brouillard on the track-only Bolide platform.

It packs a monstrous 1,578bhp 8.0-litre quad-turbo W16 engine into a carbon monocoque body. Named after a mighty medieval warhorse, it mimics a horse's stance with staggered wheels and stands at one metre tall, making it the lowest Bugatti ever.

The exterior is coated in a custom Sapphire Celeste paint with a diamond sparkle, while the interior blends leather, Nubuck, and 3D-knitted sportswear textiles.

Bugatti hasn't named a price for the Destrier, but it will easily top the Bolide's £3.5milliion tag.

AI could stop roads going to pot

Britain's roads are in a shocking state, and Citroën says it is time to deploy Artificial Intelligence (AI) to combat the crisis.

The carmaker has launched a scathing "Better Roads Manifesto," revealing that some councils take an unbelievable 357 days – almost a full year — just to patch up a single reported pothole.

Citroën's blueprint claims that smarter thinking could save the UK up to £5.5 billion by slashing accidents and boosting efficiency.

Instead of relying on slow, outdated checks, the brand wants smart AI tech drafted in to instantly spot, track, and speed up road repairs before they destroy your car's suspension.

The manifesto also takes aim at utility companies, demanding councils get much tougher powers to force gas, water, and broadband firms to properly repair the messy trenches they leave behind.

On top of that, Citroën is pushing for a strict national quality standard for repairs, a stable five-year government funding plan, and a massive street-cleaning strategy.

A Freedom of Information request exposed that a measly 25% of councils sweep all their roads every three months, leaving tyre-shredding debris to cause costly punctures.

Citroën UK boss Greg Taylor warns that just begging for cash will not work. "Simply calling for more funding isn't realistic.

"We are suggesting simple, cost-effective, and logical steps that government, local authorities, and the public can get behind to give this country the quality of roads we deserve."

It is time to embrace AI, bring in volunteers to help, and save our streets.

HOW THE BIGGEST NAMES IN SPORT MADE IT TO THE TOP

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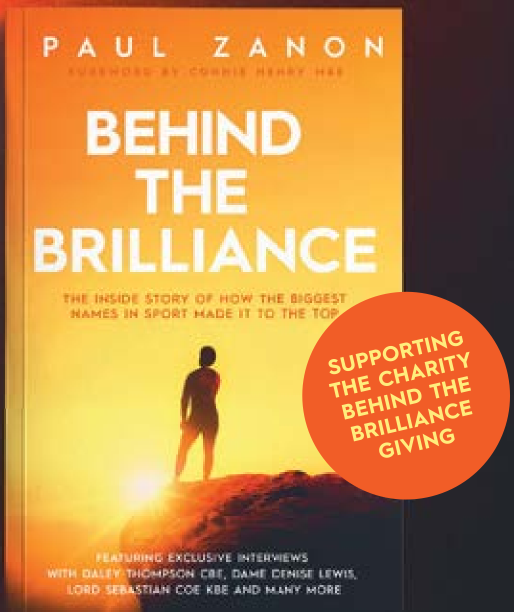
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BACK TO OLD SCHOOL

Classic hot hatch vibes are paired with modern energy. The all-new Vauxhall Mokka GSe delivers a seriously lively and engaging drive.

Vauxhall is looking backwards to add some excitement to its cars. The new GSE sporty sub-brand is designed to bring back the days of GTE and VXR-badged hot Vauxhalls of yesteryear, but for a new electric era.

After a bit of a lukewarm start in 2023 with plug-in hybrid versions of the Astra and previous-generation Grandland, the GSE gets its proper launch with the popular Mokka. To add cred to the badge, Vauxhall has even taken the Mokka GSE into motorsport in a one-make electric European rally championship.

WHAT'S NEW?

Vauxhall has taken the sharply styled but pretty conventional-to-drive Mokka and turned things up a notch. This hot Mokka doesn't just wear a set of GSE badges, there are new front and rear bumpers, a reworked interior, and a set of giant 20in wheels. Underneath has had a good going over too.

WHAT'S UNDER THE BONNET?

The Mokka shares the same platform as a whole swathe of hatchbacks and crossovers from the Stellantis stable, and for this hot version there's a bit of family similarities on show too.

Just like the Alfa Romeo Junior Veloce, Abarth 600e Scorpionissima, Peugeot E-208 GTi and its recently revealed smaller sibling, the Vauxhall Corsa GSE, the Mokka GSE gets a 54kWh battery mated to an electric motor that packs a chunky 277bhp and 345Nm of torque. In the Mokka, this gives a potent 0-60mph sprint time of 5.7 seconds and a 124mph top speed.

Meanwhile, Vauxhall claims 209 miles is possible from a full charge. But as I discovered, driving it in an enthusiastic way, 150 miles is far more likely. Also, its 100kW maximum DC charging speed is a little on the mediocre side.

WHAT'S IT LIKE TO DRIVE?

The GSE is more than just a fancy exterior makeover. Under the skin lies some serious engineering modifications – the spring rates have been revised 49% front and 35% rear, there's a new 30.8mm anti-roll bar for the torsion-beam rear suspension, faster steering, four-piston Alcon front brakes and a Torsen locking front differential.

FACTS

Vauxhall Mokka GSE

Price: £36,995 (£35,495 with Electric Car Grant)
Motor: Single electric
Power: 277bhp
Torque: 345Nm
Max speed: 124mph
0-60mph: 5.7 seconds
Range: 209 miles
Max charge speed: 100kW

Naturally, with 277bhp, the GSE is quick in a straight line, but it's the handling that's the highlight.

There's a bit of roll in the corners and the ride is on the jiggly side. But plant the throttle and the differential pulls the car back into line, and the steering gives excellent feedback – you can really feel the road through it.

Overall, the GSE gives off a convincing old-school hot hatch experience, sadly without any noise.

HOW DOES IT LOOK?

Vauxhall has succeeded in giving the Mokka GSE some visual aggression, without overplaying it. You won't find any massive rear wings, bonnet scoops and loud paint schemes, just subtle tweaks that give off enough of a sporty vibe. If it's a little too muted for you then you can specify a black bonnet for £250, giving some 1970s rally car flair.

WHAT'S IT LIKE INSIDE?

The subtle makeover is carried over to the inside, but here it falls short. The fixtures and fittings are a little too standard Mokka, so it's a smartly designed interior with well-laid out controls, but a little dull. Thankfully there's a pair of Alcantara-trimmed bucket seats, with yellow stitching and GSE badges – they're very comfortable, supportive, and the only reminders that you're in a performance car.

Back seat space is just as limited as the standard Mokka, so six-footers will really struggle for knee room, and the 310-litre boot is a bit on the small side.

WHAT'S THE SPEC LIKE?

As the GSE sits at the top of the Mokka range, it comes fully loaded. Heated seats, Matrix LED headlights, a digital driver's display, 10in touchscreen with satnav, wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, and wireless phone charging are just some of the highlights.

There are also a couple of options – aside from the black bonnet, you can choose more efficient Goodyear Eagle F1 tyres for £100.

VERDICT

It may fly a little under radar with its discreet looks, but don't dismiss this GSE as simply a tarted up Mokka. There's some real engineering prowess under the skin that gives a really engaging and fun driving experience.

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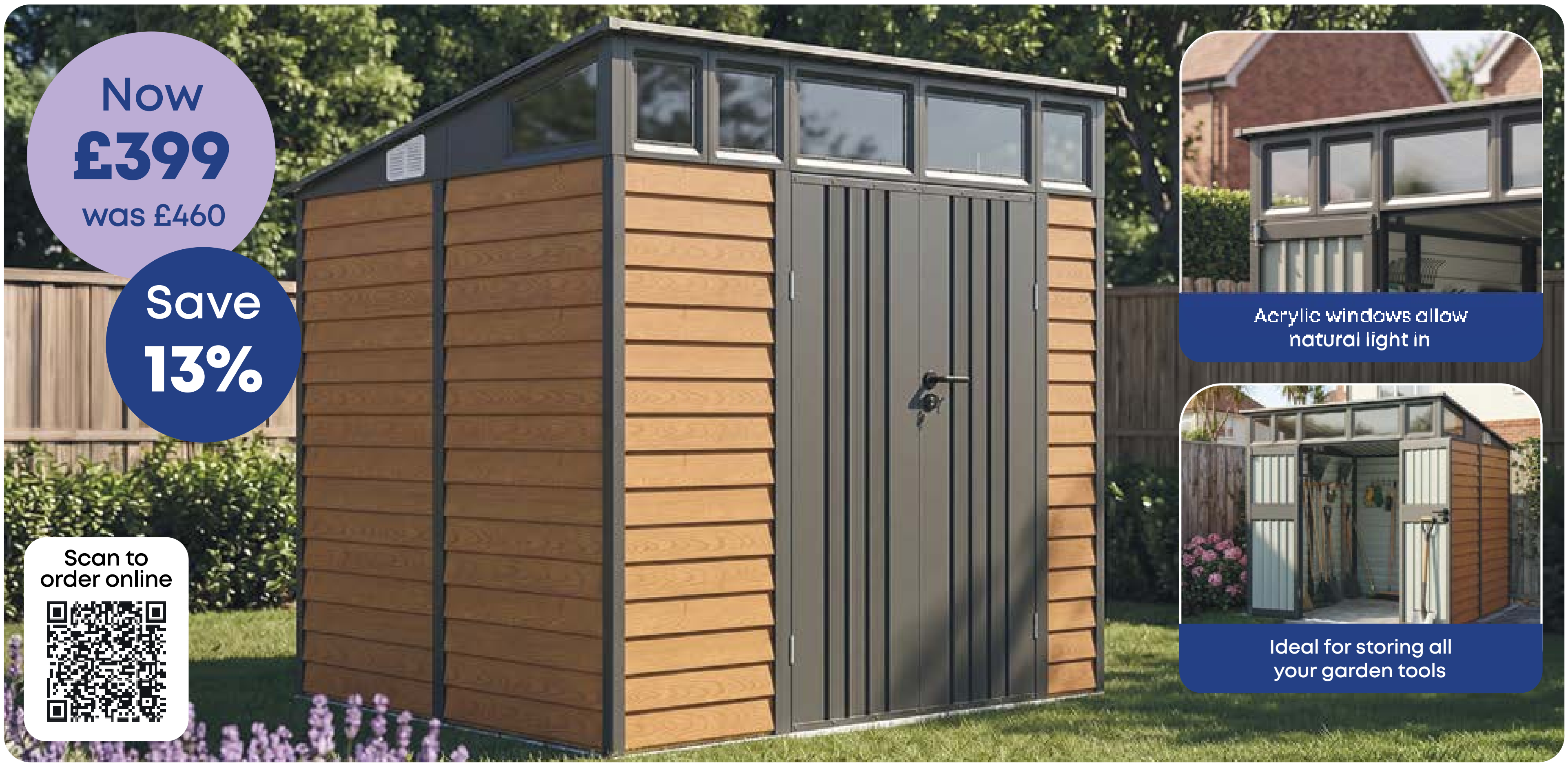

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Garden storage doesn't have to be purely practical. With its attractive yellow wood-grain finish, this spacious 8x7ft metal shed combines generous storage with a warmer, more decorative appearance that complements a wide range of outdoor spaces. Whether positioned against a fence, wall, or within the garden, it offers a stylish way to keep everyday essentials protected and organised.

DESIGNED TO BLEND IN

The contemporary wood-grain finish gives this shed a softer, more natural look than a traditional metal building, while the pent roof allows it to sit neatly against walls and boundaries to make the most of available space. Its clean design blends comfortably into both modern and traditional gardens.

ROOM FOR EVERYTHING

Inside, the generous interior provides plenty of space for gardening tools, watering cans, compost, pots, outdoor furniture cushions, and seasonal equipment. Wide double doors make loading larger items simple, while the lockable design and supplied keys help keep valuable belongings secure.

BUILT FOR THE OUTDOORS

Constructed from zinc-coated steel cladding with a galvanised steel frame, this shed is designed to withstand year-round weather while requiring very little maintenance. Integrated ventilation openings encourage airflow to help reduce moisture build-up and keep stored items in better condition throughout the seasons.

Combining generous capacity with attractive styling, this shed offers a practical storage solution that enhances rather than dominates your outdoor space. It's an ideal choice for anyone looking to keep their garden organised without compromising on appearance.

- ✓ Wood-grain metal finish
- ✓ Several windows for natural light
- ✓ Lockable outward-opening double doors
- ✓ Two air vents improve airflow and reduce moisture
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TODAY'S TV ONES TO WATCH

by **MIKE WARD** *TV critic*

DRAGONS' DEN, BBC1, 8PM

IF you watch Dragons' Den on a regular basis – which isn't easy because they keep pulling it from the schedules to make way for football or running races – then you'll know it's been featuring a number of special guests.

We know they're special because they're part of a "fresh wave of fierce investors" who are "out to shake things up and steal the deals". Tonight we actually have two – Susie Ma and Jenna Meek, who've both made it big in the beauty business.

"With grit and determination, anything is possible," Susie insists.

Clearly she's never tried twisting the lid off a jar of Marmite.

THE BIG DEAL WITH STEPH MCGOVERN, BBC2, 8PM

AS I said last week, this show, where teams compete to prove they could make it as art dealers, feels like one of those challenges set for the ninnies on The Apprentice.

But tonight there's also a touch of Interior Design Masters, because it's all about understanding the taste of their clients.

There are only two – each wants art for their swanky home – so the pairs must merge for now into two teams of six and do lots of bickering. Guiding them is guest Peter Staunton, a top interior designer. Steph says he has "an uncompromising eye".

I hope his appearance fee covers the cost of his surgery.

Pick of the day

LUDWIG, BBC1, 9PM

SEARCHING FOR A SOLUTION
Anna Maxwell Martin as Lucy, with 'Ludwig', played by David Mitchell

CLUED-UP TWIN PIQUES INTEREST

WHY do so many of my favourite TV dramas feature characters who are socially awkward? Doc Martin, for example, and Death In Paradise (indeed, all the Paradises), and now Ludwig, starring David Mitchell, which is back tonight for its second series.

I suppose the obvious answer is I like watching people on TV that I identify with. Don't get me wrong, I also like watching people that I don't identify with. I don't identify with Wallace or Gromit, for instance, but watching them is great fun.

Mitchell's character, John "Ludwig" Taylor, is a cryptic crossword setter. (Ludwig, you may recall, is his setter's name.) So that's one thing we have in common for a start. Well, not the actual setting of them, obviously. I'm just a big fan of doing them. The less taxing ones at least.

Like John, I also don't like crowds. Unlike John, I don't dress like a geography teacher, although it does have a certain appeal. The premise of the show, if you've not watched it before (series one is still on the iPlayer) is that John has an identical twin, James, a copper, who in series one went missing under mysterious circumstances.

John spent the series posing as James in an effort to figure out what had happened. He uncovered some big clues and disturbing secrets. He also solved several one-off crimes, which was handy.

The big thing in series two is his secret is out. His colleagues, or technically James' colleagues, now know who he is. And more to the point, who he isn't.

But since he's obviously good at the crime-solving thing, he's sticking around in the role of crime consultant.

Naturally, he has to hope that the truth about him impersonating his brother never comes out. Because, boy, will he be in trouble. They all will.

Anyway, tonight's case involves a murder at a theatre. A murder to which, bizarrely, two people have confessed. So John's job is to prove someone's innocence rather than someone's guilt.

But then he enjoys figuring out that kind of thing. Even when a case isn't going terribly well, he never gets too down. At least, not until he's got one across. Sorry.

BEST HISTORY

A HOUSE THROUGH TIME BBC2, 9PM

David Olusoga's tour through the occupancy of a property in Edinburgh hits the Victorian era. Among the residents is Thomas Mains, who makes shoes for the city's residents.

BEST REALITY

THE CHASE AROUND THE WORLD ITV1, 9PM

It's the last episode of the series, so expect some very tired quizzers to turn up in the final destination – Athens, before racing to the finish line, where Bradley Walsh awaits.

BEST THRILLER

BENIDORM IS MURDER 5, 9PM

The latest character to meet their maker is Bingo Babs. It's five years since she scooped a million-euro jackpot, but she's refused to splash the cash, to her daughters' chagrin.

BEST LIFESTYLE

DREAM CAR FIXERS U&YESTERDAY, 9PM

The new series sees mechanic Sheldon Nichols joined by Flipping Bangers' Will Trickett. They hope a 1969 Ford Corsair will be a dream for retired postal worker Chris.

TODAY'S PREVIEWS ARE ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE

FILM RATINGS

★★★★★ BRILLIANT
★★★★ VERY GOOD
★★★ GOOD
★★ AVERAGE
★ BAD

(R) REPEAT

ALL PROGRAMMES ARE LISTED IN BRITISH SUMMER TIME (BST).

BBC One

6.00am Breakfast News headlines.
9.30 Countryfile Treasures (R)
10.30 Garden Rescue Creating a garden in Loughborough. (R)
11.15 Homes Under the Hammer Featuring properties in Newcastle-under-Lyme, Stafford and Worthing.
12.15pm Bargain Hunt Two teams scour Ardingly antiques fair. (R)
1.00 BBC News at One; Weather
2.00 Money for Nothing At Witley recycling centre in Surrey, Sarah Moore finds a food service table for Rupert to upcycle and a 100-year-old rug in need of rescuing.
2.45 Escape to the Country Jules Hudson helps a couple to find a property in Cornwall. (R)
3.30 The Repair Shop Items include a Victorian movie machine and a pair of dilapidated designer chairs. (R)
4.30 The Answer Run Quiz, hosted by Jason Manford.
5.15 Pointless Quiz, hosted by Alexander Armstrong. (R)
6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather
6.30 Regional News; Weather

BBC Two

6.30am Escape to the Country (R)
7.15 Money for Nothing (R)
8.00 Sign Zone: Gardeners' World Monty Don takes stock of Longmeadow as the drought takes its toll. (R)
9.00 BBC News Headlines.
1.00pm Richard Osman's House of Games Nina Conti, Nick Helm, Athena Kugblenu and Toby Tarrant take part. (R)
1.30 The Finish Line Quiz. (R)
2.15 Do You Know Your Place? Owain Wyn Evans, Greg Rutherford and Abby Cook 'visit' Kirkby Lonsdale. (R)
2.45 Animal Park Summer (R)
3.30 Serengeti II Old enemies cause trouble for the lions and baboons. (R)
4.30 Vintage Antiques Roadshow From Burton-on-Trent. (R)
5.10 Flog It! From Hampshire. (R)
6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games Double bill. Edith Bowman, Rhys James, Anita Rani and Simon Rimmer take part; Edith Bowman, Rhys James, Anita Rani and Simon Rimmer take part. (R)

ITV1

6.00am Good Morning Britain A lively mix of news, current affairs and lifestyle features.
10.00 This Morning Topical daily magazine, featuring a mix of celebrity chat, showbusiness news, advice and discussion. Including Local Weather.
1.00pm ITV News; Weather
1.20 Regional News; Weather
1.30 LIVE **ITV Racing: From York** Francesca Cumani and Ed Chamberlin present coverage of the second day of the Ebor Meeting, including feature race the Yorkshire Oaks. Analysis comes from Jason Weaver, Adele Mulrennan and Ruby Walsh, with reporting by Matt Chapman, Oli Bell and Mick Fitzgerald, and commentary from Richard Hoiles.
4.29 Regional Weather
4.30 Tipping Point: Best Ever Finals Compilation of more of the show's best endgames. (R)
5.00 The Chase Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
6.00 Regional News; Weather
6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather

Channel 4

6.30am The King of Queens (R)
7.45 Everybody Loves Raymond Triple bill of the sitcom. (R)
9.10 Frasier Four episodes. (R)
11.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (R)
12.05pm Channel 4 News
12.10 Find It, Fix It, Flog It (R)
1.10 The Great House Giveaway A house bought at auction that's been condemned, not once but twice. (R)
2.10 Countdown With Debbie McGee in Dictionary Corner.
3.00 A Place in the Sun A holiday home in Estepona. (R)
4.00 The Great B&B Challenge The contestants are challenged to host an event. (R)
5.00 Chateau DIY At Chateau De Sauge, Donna and Paul mean business as they convert an old cow shed into a business suite in order to create another income stream. (R)
6.00 American Pickers In Michigan, Mike and Frank find a 1985 Cadillac and fall hard for her ultra-rare, barn-fresh Ford Model-A tow truck. (R)

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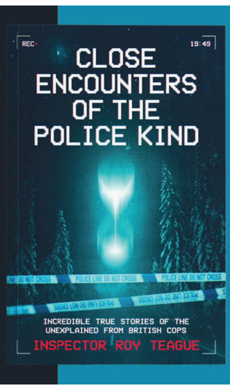
6.00am Milkshake! Children's TV.
9.15 Jeremy Vine Discussion.
11.30 Storm & Alexis Discussion and debate, with Storm Huntley and Alexis Conran.
12.45pm 5 News at Lunchtime
12.50 Matt Allwright Debate on the day's biggest stories, and consumer advice to help viewers save money.
2.20 FILM **Sins in the Family** (2023, 12) A suburban wife and mother's perfect life threatens to fall apart when a school counsellor becomes uncomfortably close to her daughter. Thriller, starring Moniqua Plante. ★★
4.00 Castle A call from a mysterious stranger ignites an explosive chain of events. (R)
4.55 Love Nature Using trees to stop rivers overflowing. (R)
5.00 5 News with Dan Walker
6.00 Corsica: Jewel of the Med Cameras focus on the French island, which boasts 600 miles of stunning coastline, lush green forests and majestic mountains. (R); 5 News Update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12 MIDNIGHT

BBC One

7.00 The One Show With Roman Kemp and Clara Amfo.
7.30 EastEnders Priya takes advice from an unlikely source, it is the day of Penny's shop opening, but things don't go to plan, while Lily and Joel support one another.
8.00 Dragons' Den Evan Davis presents as entrepreneurs pitch water-saving powder-to-liquid hair care, traditional confectionery, handcrafted spice blends and a mission-led travel start-up to the panel of business leaders.
9.00 NEW **Ludwig** John 'Ludwig' Taylor gets new job as a crime scene consultant and a double confession sees him proving who did not commit a crime at a theatre. Return of the drama, starring David Mitchell, Anna Maxwell Martin and Dipo Ola.
10.00 BBC News at Ten
10.30 Regional News; Weather
10.40 NEW The Truth About My Murder Triple bill. The police investigation into a murder at Wentwood Forest, near Newport, after the discovery of a human skull among the dying embers of a woodland fire; How pathology helped police get to the truth after the body of a young woman was found in a suitcase next to the M4 motorway; the death of a woman in a car crash that soon pointed to murder.

12.40 Alan Carr's Picture Slam. Alan Carr hosts this game show in which Ian and Liz, Arif and Kusar, and Rachel and Connor have to identify a board full of images for a chance to win up to £10,000. (R) **1.25** Weather for the Week Ahead. A look ahead to the latest forecast. **1.30-6.00am** BBC News

BBC Two

7.00 Today at the Test England v Pakistan. Highlights of the second day of the First Test, held at Headingley Cricket Ground. The teams last met here in 2018, when Jos Buttler top-scored in a comfortable victory for the hosts.
8.00 The Big Deal with Steph McGovern Having said goodbye to one pair, the six remaining teams of aspiring art dealers are tasked with buying and selling works to meet the brief of two high-end homeowners.
9.00 A House Through Time David Olusoga examines the life of Victorian-era residents of the house on Calton Hill, including Thomas Mains, a maker of expensive shoes and brothel-keeper, the mysterious Catherine Johnston.
10.00 Red Dwarf A mechanical life form named the Inquisitor's quest to eliminate worthless beings brings him aboard Red Dwarf, where he has plenty of candidates to choose from. Starring Craig Charles. (R)
10.30 Newsnight; Weather
11.05 Emergency 24/7 A look at the emergency department at Southmead Hospital. The trauma team assess Luke for emergency spinal surgery, his friend Kieran arrives needing care. Plus, Nurse Becky faces queueing ambulances. (R)

12.05am FILM Tar (2022, 15) When accusations surface about conductor Lydia Tar and a graduate of her academy, every aspect of the tutor's life comes under scrutiny. Drama, starring Cate Blanchett. ★★★ **2.35** Sign Zone: The Mother of All Cons (R) **3.35-6.15am** This Is BBC Two

ITV1

7.30 Tom Kerridge Cooks Italy Tom explores Sicily's citrus heritage, from Siracusa lemons, once vital to British global exploration, to blood oranges. Plus, the chef showcases a recipe for Victoria sponge. Last in series.
8.00 Emmerdale Billy is furious, while Kev warns Caleb and Ruby that he will expose them if he faces prison.
8.30 Coronation Street Leanne berates Idris for gambling with her money and Will reveals his exam results.
9.00 The Chase Around the World The teams land in the final city, Athens, where they must take on and defeat all the Chasers in head-to-head battles across the region. Competition is fierce, and the race begins at the Acropolis.
10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather
10.30 Regional News; Weather
10.45 FILM **Skyfall** (2012, 12) James Bond pursues a mastermind who has orchestrated an attack on MI6 headquarters and exposed the identities of undercover agents around the world. The trail leads to a rogue former operative who has a personal vendetta against the intelligence organisation's leader M – who is also facing calls to retire. Spy thriller, with Daniel Craig and Javier Bardem. ★★★★★

1.20am Shop on TV **3.00** Love & Death. Candy testifies that she feared for her life, despite Don's concerns about her mental clarity, while Pat tells Candy their lives will never be the same. Last in series. (R) **4.00** Unwind with ITV **5.05-6.00am** Deal or No Deal: Celebrity Special. Charity edition. (R)

Channel 4

7.00 Channel 4 News A round-up of all the latest headlines, in-depth interviews and analysis of political developments and current affairs. Plus, the day's leading sports stories and up-to-the-minute weather reports.
8.00 Renovation Rescue In South Wales, presenters Vogue Williams and Luke Mabbott help couple Pete and Lu, who are at the end of their tether after living in a building site with their two young children for 18 months.
9.00 Love You to Death Double bill of the documentary series. Lisa's world implodes as an unthinkable truth is revealed: Matthew's illnesses are not as they seem. And while Matthew comes to terms with a new reality, the threat of prison hangs over Lisa; As Lisa's dubbed 'Britain's Most Evil Mother' in the press and the family rift deepens, Matthew confronts his past and meets the professionals who worked on his case, as he searches for the elusive truth. Last in series.
11.05 Outback Murder Highway Double bill. Investigating the disappearance of Tony Jones in hopes of finding of he was one of the victims if Andy Allbury; a look at the case of Jayden Penno-Tompsett from 2017. Last in series.

12.55 Crime Scene Cleaners (R) **1.50** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. A tyrannical front-of-house manager in New York. (R) **2.40** The Schoolgirl Terrorist? (R) **3.35** Dictator: The Hitler Interviews (R) **4.30** Couples Come Dine with Me (R) **5.25** A Place in the Sun (R) **5.50-6.30am** Countdown (R)

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7.00 Around the World in First Class Josie Gibson heads to Hong Kong, stays at the Rosewood Hotel, and heads out on a luxury yacht travelling around the region's many islands. She also sees the city at night. (R); 5 News Update
8.00 The Yorkshire Vet It is after 11pm, and Matt Smith rushes out to help a cow who has suffered a massive prolapse after giving birth. Cameras also focus on 12-year-old Boston Terrier Rambo, who has a very sore mouth.
9.00 Benidorm Is Murder Five years after winning a jackpot, Bingo Babs lives frugally in a faded caravan. Then Babs is found murdered, clutching a bingo pad marked with six numbers leaving Dennis and Rosa to investigate the case.
10.00 Killer at the Crime Scene The murder of Karla Godoy, who vanished after going on holiday to Peru. As detectives scrambled to uncover the truth, a shocking confession led to an international manhunt. (R)
11.05 Fare Dodgers: At War with the Law In London, investigators hunt for a woman thought to owe more than £2,300 in fares, and attempt to stop her at Chadwell Heath station to question her about 'short faring'. (R)

12.05am Street Cops: Catching the Yobs (R) **1.00** Cruise TV with LoveitBookit (R) **2.00** GPs: Behind Closed Doors (R) **2.55** Castle (R) **3.40** Friends (R) **4.30** The Highland Vet (R) **5.30** Entertainment News on 5 **5.40** Paw Patrol (R) **5.45-6.00am** The Adventures of Paddington (R)

ITV2 FREEVIEW 6

6.00am Backyard Builds **6.30** Dress to Impress **7.30** The Real Housewives of Potomac **8.20** The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills **9.15** The Only Way Is Essex **10.15** Dawson's Creek **11.10** Charmed **12.10pm** Deal or No Deal **1.10** Supermarket Sweep **2.10** The Floor **3.10** The Only Way Is Essex **4.10** The Real Housewives of Potomac **5.00** The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills

6.00 Celebrity Catchphrase Gameshow.

7.00 The Floor The 25 remaining contestants fight for more squares.

8.00 The 1% Club Kids Special Quiz.

9.00 Romesh Ranganathan's Parents' Evening Joel Dommett, Tony Bellew and Vicky Pattison compete in the gameshow.

10.00 Changing Ends Alan gets a shock.

10.35 Family Guy Double bill.

11.35 American Dad! Animated comedy.

12.05am American Dad! **12.35** Bob's Burgers **1.30** Deal or No Deal **2.20** Unwind **3.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

U&Dave FREEVIEW 19

6.00am Teleshopping **7.25** Top Gear **8.20** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers **10.20** Rick Stein's Cornwall **11.20** Yukon Gold **12.20pm** Top Gear **2.20** Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing **3.00** Guy Martin: Proper Jobs **4.00** Hairy Bikers' Best of British **5.00** Rick Stein's Cornwall

6.00 Rick Stein's Cornwall Double bill.

7.05 Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing Bob and Paul accept an invitation to fish in the estate of Burghley House.

7.40 Would I Lie to You? Double bill.

9.00 Hit Point Juggling lies, disposing of evidence and bribing an informant, Leo battles with his dangerous double life.

10.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You

11.00 Taskmaster With Aisling Bea, Bob Mortimer, Mark Watson and Nish Kumar.

12.00m't Mock the Week: Election Special **12.40** Would I Lie to You? **2.00** Hit Point **3.00** Richard Osman's House of Games **3.30** Parks and Recreation **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

E4 FREEVIEW 13

6.00am Modern Family **6.55** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **7.00** Couples Come Dine with Me **8.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **10.00** America's Funniest Home Videos **11.00** Below Deck: Mediterranean **12.00noon** The Simpsons: four episodes **2.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.00** Modern Family: four episodes **5.00** The Simpsons: double bill

6.00 The Simpsons Four episodes.

8.00 The Great Celebrity Bake Off for Stand Up to Cancer A meringue dish.

9.00 Cruising Paradise: Above and Below Deck Reality series.

10.00 Gogglebox Opinions on recent TV.

11.05 First Dates Dog-loving electrician Ross connects with a single mother.

12.10am Naked Attraction. Reality series. **1.15** Cruising Paradise: Above and Below Deck **2.10** Vanderpump Rules **3.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **3.50** The Goldbergs **4.40-6.00am** Brooklyn Nine-Nine

ITVQuiz FREEVIEW 28

9.00am Deal or No Deal **10.00** Tipping Point **1.00pm** Lingo **2.00** Tenable **3.00** Supermarket Sweep **4.00** Riddiculous **5.00** Deal or No Deal. Gameshow.

6.00 Lingo Triple bill. Today's contestants are Kelli and Ruth from Leeds, Alice and her daughter Vicky from Worcestershire, and siblings Ethan and Beth from Chesterfield; Taking part are twins Annie and Lydia from Solihull, Richard and his mum Sue from Milton Keynes, and brothers Saul and Dan from London; facing off today are sisters Denice and Lisa-Marie from Herts and Essex, mates Kai and Dan from London, plus Maxi with her grandson Dan from Pontefract.

9.00 Supermarket Sweep Rylan Clark hosts a revival of the gameshow.

10.00 Tipping Point Double bill. Ben Shephard hosts the arcade-themed quiz.

12.00m't Tipping Point **12.55** Tenable **1.50** Riddiculous **2.40** Unwind with ITV **3.00-9.00am** Teleshopping

U&Drama FREEVIEW 20

6.00am Teleshopping **7.20** The Bill **8.10** Doctors **9.25** Classic Holby City **10.40** Casualty **11.40** The Bill **12.40pm** Classic EastEnders **2.00** Classic Neighbours **3.00** Whitstable Pearl **4.05** Lovejoy **5.20** As Time Goes By. Judi Dench stars.

6.00 Last of the Summer Wine Triple bill.

8.00 The Marlow Murder Club As the suspects' secrets stack up, Judith, Becks and Suzie still can't find anyone with a motive to hurt the Mayor.

9.00 Father Brown A celebrity florist brings glamour and murder to Kembleford.

10.00 New Tricks The team reinvestigates the 15-year-old murder of a boxer after the gun used to kill him is discovered at the scene of an armed robbery.

11.20 Luther The detective is forced to work outside the law to track down vigilante killer Marwood.

12.40am Lovejoy **1.50** Sister Boniface Mysteries **2.50** The Chelsea Detective **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

More4 FREEVIEW 18

8.55am Find It, Fix It, Flog It **10.00** Four in a Bed: five episodes **12.40pm** Come Dine with Me: five episodes **3.20** Four in a Bed: five episodes **5.50** Car S.O.S

6.50 Car S.O.S Fuzz Townshend and Tim Shaw restore a former soldier's Austin army truck that has been used as a farm vehicle for 60 years.

7.55 Grand Designs Harry and Briony Anscombe decide to build a house heavily inspired by American modernist properties, after moving from London to Cornwall with their three young children.

9.00 24 Hours in A&E Double bill. Cameras follow a 26-year-old man's treatment after he is hit by a car; cameras follow a child who has severed his finger at school.

11.05 999: On the Front Line Paramedics tend to a young mum having a panic attack while out with her son.

12.10am 999: On the Front Line **1.15** 24 Hours in A&E: double bill **3.25-3.55am** A Place in the Sun. Homes in Almería.

BBC3 FREEVIEW 23

7.00pm The Catch Up Headlines.

7.05 Deadly 60 Double bill. Steve Backshall visits the Natural History Museum; Steve visits New Zealand.

8.00 Sort Your Life Out with Stacey Solomon Stacey helps the Bufton family from Surrey declutter.

9.00 Better Date than Never Double bill. Allycia hopes to find her Prince Charming; Jack is smitten when he meets someone new.

10.00 He Had It Coming Five episodes. Comedy drama, starring Lydia West; the girls deal with an anonymous threat; a second murder victim is found on campus; the girls must crash a feminist protest party; Elise finds solace with university theatre legend Kaye Blanchett.

12.05am He Had It Coming: triple bill **1.15** A Good Girl's Guide to Murder **2.40** Better Date than Never **3.40-3.55am** Calamity James

BBC4 FREEVIEW 9

7.00pm Villages by the Sea Ben makes an amazing discovery at Norfolk's Holkham Estate.

7.30 Canal Boat Diaries Robbie Cumming tackles the River Trent.

8.00 The Bridge: Fifty Years Across the Forth Documentary celebrating the Forth Road Bridge.

9.00 *FILM* **The French Connection** (1971, 18) Oscar-winning fact-based crime thriller, and Gene Hackman and Roy Scheider. ★★★★★

10.40 The Poughkeepsie Shuffle: Tracing 'The French Connection' Critic Mark Kermode examines the making of classic thriller.

11.35 *FILM* **The Graduate** (1967, 12) Drama, starring Dustin Hoffman and Anne Bancroft. ★★★★★

1.15am Canal Boat Diaries **1.45** The Poughkeepsie Shuffle: Tracing 'The French Connection' **2.40-3.10am** Villages by the Sea

5 USA FREEVIEW 21

6.00am Home Shopping **9.00** Entertainment News on 5 **9.10** NCIS **12.00noon** Law & Order

6.00 NCIS Triple bill. Two human eyeballs are sent to a petty officer's home; a petty officer is killed while competing in a swimsuit contest; when an officer is found dead Ducky suspects foul play.

9.00 Blue Bloods The Reagans band together to prevent Joe Hill from being killed in the line of duty.

10.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Four episodes. A man claims his sister was gang raped; an Alzheimer's patient claims to have been raped; Noah is kidnapped while clothes shopping with Sheila; the SVU investigates a sexual assault case in a special needs school.

1.55am Prodigal Son: double bill. **3.55** Entertainment News on 5 **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

Variations

WALES As BBC1 except: 1.35-1.45pm BBC Wales Today; Weather **6.30-7.00** BBC Wales Today; Weather **10.30-10.40** BBC Wales Today; Weather **12.40am** Buried with Michael Sheen **1.40-6.00am** BBC News

ITV WALES As ITV1 except: 1.20-1.30pm ITV News Cymru Wales; Weather **6.00-6.30** ITV News Wales at Six; Weather **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Cymru Wales; Weather

S4C 7.00am Heno **7.30** Newyddion **8.00** Pobol y Cwm **8.25** Gwlad y Basg: Gwilym Bowen Rhys **8.55** Newyddion **9.00** Sioe Sir Benfro 2026 **10.00** Taclo'r Ty **10.30-11.35pm** Yr Afon

SCOTLAND As BBC1 except: 1.35-1.45pm Reporting Scotland; Weather **6.30** Reporting Scotland; Weather **7.00-7.30** River City **10.30-10.40pm** Reporting Scotland; Weather

STV As ITV1 except: 1.20pm STV News; Weather **1.30-4.29** *LIVE* STV Racing: From York **6.00-6.30** STV News at Six; Weather **10.30-10.45** STV News; Weather **1.20-3.00am** Shop on TV **4.00-5.05am** Unwind with STV

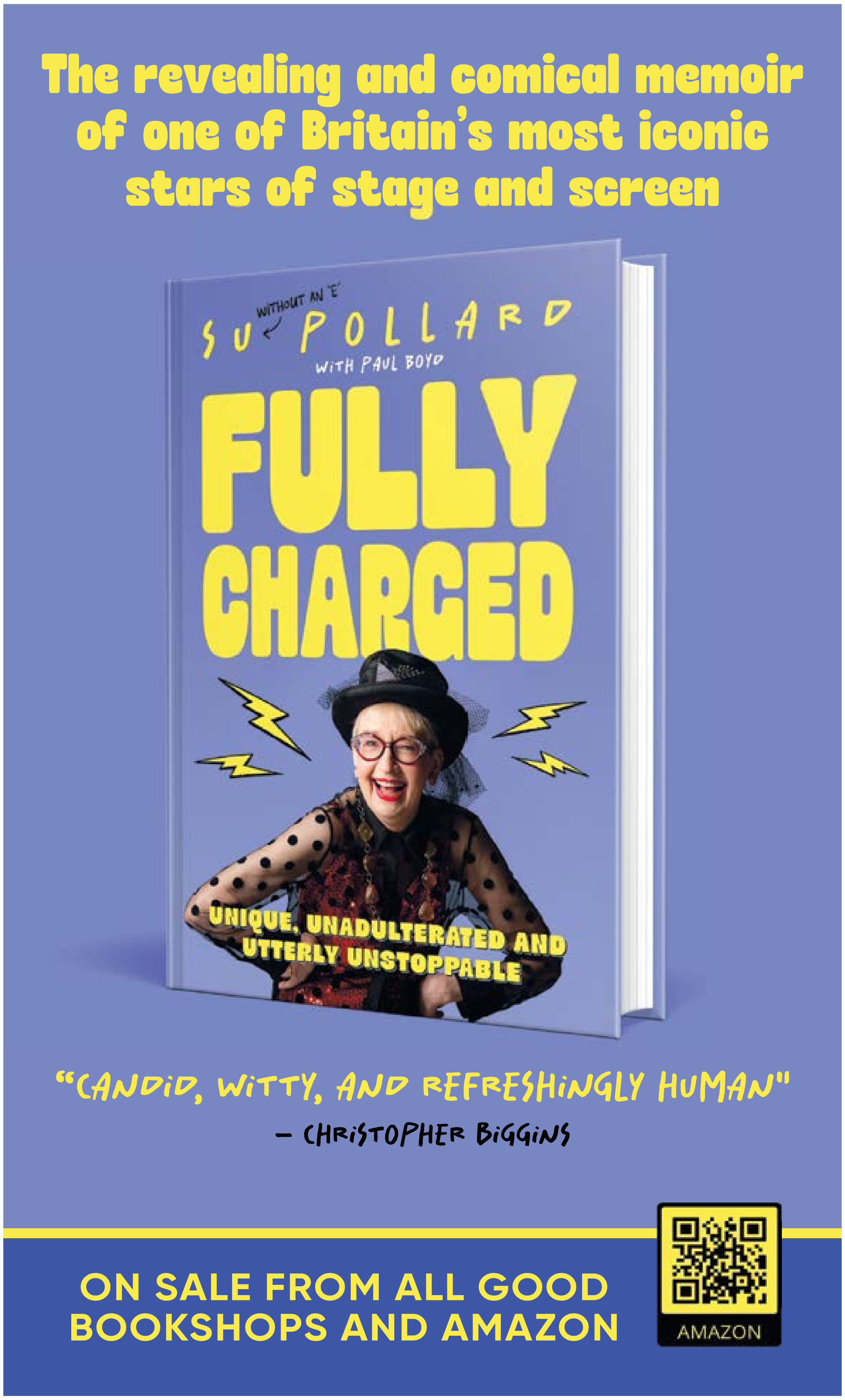
BORDER As ITV1 except: 1.20-1.30pm ITV News Border. The latest headlines; Weather **6.00-6.30** ITV News Lookaround; Weather **10.30-10.45pm** ITV News Border; Weather

BBC SCOTLAND 7.00pm Reporting Scotland: News at Seven **7.30** Beechgrove Garden **8.00** World Pipe Band Championships **9.00** Martin Compston's Scottish Fling **10.00** Scot Squad **10.30** Edinburgh Unlocked **11.00pm-12.00m't** Jim Smith Live from Perth

BBC ALBA 7.00 Dubhlain DIY (Instructions Not Included) **7.30** SpeakGaelic **8.00** An La (News) **8.30** Mach a Seo! **9.00** Na Sgiobairean mu Dheireadh (The Last Captains) **9.45** Rurachd (Foraging) **10.00** Seoid a' Chidsin – The Kitchen Coves **10.30** Sar-Sgeoil **11.30** Dana: Scotland's Wild Side **12.00m't-6.00am** Alba Today

NORTHERN IRELAND As BBC1 except: 1.35-1.45pm BBC Newsline; Weather **6.30-7.00** BBC Newsline; Weather **10.30** BBC Newsline; Weather **10.40** The Crime I Can't Forget **11.30pm-1.30am** *NEW* The Truth About My Murder: three episodes

UTV As ITV1 except: 1.20-1.30pm UTV Live; Weather **6.00-6.30** UTV Live; Weather **10.30-10.45pm** UTV Live; Weather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Sport

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

6.00am Sky Sports News **7.00** Sky Sports Breakfast **9.00** Good Morning Transfers **10.00** Test Cricket Bitesize. England v Pakistan.
10.15 LIVE **Test Cricket** England v Pakistan. Coverage of the second day of the First Test in the three-match series, at Headingley in Leeds.
7.00pm The Transfer Show. Analysis.
7.30 LIVE **EFL** Sheffield Wednesday v Bradford City (kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage of the League One match at Hillsborough, as the Yorkshire rivals meet for the first time since Bradford's 3-1 home win in the 2022/23 EFL Trophy.
10.30 LIVE **PGA Tour Golf** The BMW Championship. Coverage of day one of the second tournament in the FedExCup Playoffs, held at Bellerive Country Club in St Louis.
12.00m't LIVE **Tennis** The Cincinnati Open. Further coverage of day eight of the joint ATP 1000 and WTA 1000 event, a hard-court tournament at Lindner Family Tennis Center in Mason, Ohio.
4.00-6.00am Sky Sports News. Headlines.

SKY SPORTS CRICKET

6.00am Test Cricket **7.00** International T20 Cricket **8.00** Test Cricket **9.00** Nepal Climbing Cricket's Mountain **9.30** International T20 Cricket **10.00** Test Cricket Bitesize. England v Pakistan.
10.15 LIVE **Test Cricket** England v Pakistan. Coverage of the second day of the First Test in the three-match series, held at Headingley.
7.00pm Best of ICC WT20 **7.15** Best of ICC WT20 **7.30** Nepal Climbing Cricket's Mountain **8.00** Test Cricket **9.00** International T20 Cricket **9.30** Test Cricket Bitesize **9.45** Test Cricket Bitesize **10.00** Test Cricket **11.00** One-Day International Cricket **12.00m't** Test Cricket **2.00** The Hundred **5.15** Best of ICC WT20 **5.45-6.00am** The Hundred Bitesize

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

6.00am EFL Cup Retro **8.45** EFL Greatest Games **9.00** SPFL Greatest Games **9.30** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** Championship Season Review **11.00** SPFL Greatest Games **11.30** EFL Greatest Games **12.00noon** EFL Highlights **2.00** The World Football Show **3.00** EFL League One Goals **3.30** EFL League Two Goals **4.00** EFL Cup Highlights **5.00** EFL Highlights **6.30** Bundesliga Weekly **7.00** EFL League One Goals
7.30 LIVE **EFL** Sheffield Wednesday v Bradford City (kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage at Hillsborough.
10.30 Bundesliga Preview **11.30** Bundesliga Weekly **12.00m't** EFL **3.00** SPFL Highlights **3.30** EFL Greatest Games **4.00** EFL Cup Highlights **5.00** Best Goals: EFL Cup 24/25 **5.30-6.00am** EFL Trophy Football

SKY SPORTS GOLF

6.00am PGA Tour: The Cut **6.30** HotelPlanner Tour Golf Highlights **7.00** DP World Tour Golf **7.30** Legends Tour Golf **8.30** Ladies European Tour Golf **9.30** PGA Tour Golf **10.30** PGA Tour Champions **11.30** PGA Tour: The Cut
12.00noon PGA Tour Champions Learning Centre
12.30 LIVE **DP World Tour Golf** The Nexo Championship. Coverage of day one of the tournament at Trump International Golf Links.
5.30 LIVE **PGA Tour Golf** The BMW Championship. Coverage of the featured groups on day one of the second tournament in St Louis.
8.00 LIVE **PGA Tour Golf** The BMW Championship. Coverage of day one of the second tournament in the FedExCup Playoffs.
12.00m't LIVE **LPGA Tour Golf** The CPKC Women's Open. Day one of the tournament at Royal Mayfair Golf Club, where Canada's Brooke Henderson is the reigning champion.
2.00 PGA Tour Golf **4.00** School of Golf. Putting tips. **5.00-6.00am** Golf Academy

TNT SPORTS 1

6.00am Discovery Golf **6.30** NWSL **8.30** The Fantasy Show **9.00** Reframe the Game **9.15** Men's Cycling Pro Series **10.15** Men's Cycling World Tour **11.15** Women's Cycling World Tour
12.15pm LIVE **Women's Cycling World Tour** Stage two of the Lloyds Tour of Britain.
2.45 LIVE **Men's Cycling World Tour** Coverage of stage two of the Renewi Tour.
4.45 TNT Sports Reload **5.00** MLB Highlights
6.00 LIVE **MLB** Tampa Bay Rays v Toronto Blue Jays (Start time 6.10pm). Coverage of the American League East match at Tropicana Field.
9.00 Hard Knocks: Training Camp with the Seattle Seahawks. An inside look at Seattle Seahawks' NFL training camp. **10.00** AFL
11.30 LIVE **MLB** Baltimore Orioles v New York Yankees (Start time 11.35pm). Coverage of the American League East match at Camden Yards.
2.30am MLB Plays of the Week **3.00** UFC: The Ultimate Fighter **4.00** Discovery Golf **4.30-6.00am** Ultimate Pool

TNT SPORTS 2

6.00am Test Cricket Highlights **7.00** Sign Up – Into Football **8.00** UEFA Champions League **12.00noon** Test Cricket Highlights
1.00 LIVE **Men's Cycling Pro Series** Coverage of stage one of the Lidl Deutschland Tour.
4.00 CPL Highlights **4.30** LIV Golf
5.30 LIVE **LIV Golf** Coverage of the first round.
11.30 LIVE **CPL** Antigua & Barbuda Falcons v St Kitts & Nevis Patriots. The T20 match.
3.45am TNT Sports Cricket Reload **4.00-6.00am** Test Cricket Highlights. West Indies v Sri Lanka.

Entertainment & Factual

ITV3 Freeview 10

6.00am George and Mildred **7.05** Classic Emmerdale **8.05** Classic Coronation Street **9.10** Agatha Christie's Poirot **11.30** Heartbeat **1.35pm** Midsomer Murders **3.35** Classic Emmerdale **4.40** Classic Coronation Street **5.50** Heartbeat **8.00** Vera. The detective investigates Newcastle's drug underworld. **10.00** Midsomer Murders **11.55** Trial & Retribution **1.55am** George and Mildred **2.20-2.30am** Unwind with ITV

ITV4 Freeview 26

6.00am Magnum, PI **8.05** Robin of Sherwood **9.10** Boon **10.15** The Professionals **11.30** Robin of Sherwood **12.30pm** Magnum, PI **2.35** The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes **3.45** Boon **4.50** The Professionals **5.50** Sharpe. Major Brand dupes Sharpe. **8.00** Cycling: Women's Tour of Britain Highlights **9.00** Benidorm **11.00** Black Sails **12.05am** Hell's Kitchen **1.00** The Professionals **2.00-3.00am** Minder

5STAR Freeview 32

8.00am Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun **10.00** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords **11.00** Traffic Cops **2.00pm** Police Interceptors **5.00** Car Pound Cops **6.00** Home and Away **7.00** GPs: Behind Closed Doors **8.00** Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts **9.00** A&E After Dark **10.00** Ambulance: Code Red **11.00** Skin A&E **12.00m't** Killer at the Crime Scene **1.00** Cold Case Killers **2.00** Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts **2.45** Skin A&E **3.35-4.00am** Friends

REALLY Freeview 44

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Cruise TV with LoveitBookit **8.00** Escape to the Country **9.00** Salvage Hunters **12.00noon** Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Salvage Hunters **4.00** Salvage Hunters Celebrity Special **5.00** Who Do You Think You Are? **6.00** The Repair Shop **7.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **8.00** Antiques Road Trip. Exploring East Anglia. **9.00** The Bad Skin Clinic **11.00** Help! My House Is Haunted **2.00am** Teleshopping **4.00** Salvage Hunters **5.00-6.00am** Salvage Hunters Celebrity Special

5ACTION Freeview 33

9.00am Entertainment News on 5 **9.05** Trucking Hell **10.05** Police Interceptors **11.05** Gunsmoke **12.10pm** FILM The Hired Hand (1971/15) ★★★★ **2.00** FILM Branded (1950/PG) Western, with Alan Ladd. ★★★ **4.00** Highway Thru Hell **5.00** Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders **6.00** Police Interceptors **8.00** Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders **9.00** Police Interceptors **10.00** Timber Titans **11.00** The X-Files **12.00m't** World's Deadliest Weather: Caught on Camera **12.55** Outback Truckers **1.55** Trucking Heavy **3.50-4.00am** Entertainment News on 5

SKY ARTS Freeview 36

6.00am Pavarotti in the Park **8.10** Artist of the Year: Masterclass **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.00** Discovering: Jack Nicholson **12.00noon** The Art of Film with Ian Nathan **1.00** Tales of the Unexpected **2.00** The Alfred Hitchcock Hour **3.00** The Nineties **4.00** Discovering: Jane Fonda **5.00** Portrait Artist of the Year 2023 **6.00** Tales of the Unexpected **7.00** Voices of the Valleys **8.00** Discovering: Mel Gibson **9.00** Spymasters: The Great Spy Writers **10.00** Billy Idol Should Be Dead **12.20am** The Directors **1.20** James Dean: The Emotional Man **2.40** Denzel Washington: American Icon **4.00** The Brontes by Anita Rani: Sisters of Disruption **5.00-6.00am** The Art of Film with Ian Nathan

Live PGA Tour Golf

Sky Sports Main Event, 10.30pm

The second FedEx Cup play-off event – the BMW Championship – gets under way at Bellerive Country Club in St Louis, Missouri. Scottie Scheffler (left) won this title last year.

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7.05am Don't Wait Up **7.50** Ever Decreasing Circles **8.25** Only Fools and Horses **9.05** The Green Green Grass **9.45** Are You Being Served? **10.25** Last of the Summer Wine **11.40** Ever Decreasing Circles **12.20pm** Only Fools and Horses **1.00** Keeping Up Appearances **1.40** Dad's Army **2.20** The Green Green Grass **3.00** Are You Being Served? **3.40** Ever Decreasing Circles **4.20** Dad's Army **5.00** Last of the Summer Wine **6.20** Keeping Up Appearances **7.00** Only Fools and Horses **7.40** Dad's Army **8.20** Are You Being Served? **9.00** The Office **9.40** Joe & David's Magical Sitcom Tour **10.40** The Office **11.20** Mrs Brown's Boys **12.00m't** The Office **1.20** Mrs Brown's Boys **2.00** Don't Wait Up **2.45-4.00am** The Outlaws

U&YESTERDAY Freeview 27

6.10am Abandoned Engineering **8.00** Bangers & Cash: Restoring Classics **10.00** Secret Nazi Bases **11.00** The World at War **12.00noon** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** Secret Nazi Bases **5.00** The World at War **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** The Blue Planet **8.00** Bangers & Cash **9.00** NEW Dream Car Fixers. Sheldon and Will are hoping a 1969 Ford Corsair will be a dream car for retired postal worker Chris. **10.00** Bangers & Cash **12.00m't** Bangers & Cash: Restoring Classics **1.00** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **2.00-3.00am** Abandoned Engineering

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7.10am Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **10.00** The Mentalist **11.00** Hudson & Rex **12.00noon** Body of Proof **1.00** Death in Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** The Mentalist **5.00** Hudson & Rex **6.00** Body of Proof **6.55** Private Eyes **7.50** Bookish **9.00** The Hunting Party **10.00** Death in Paradise **11.00** Private Eyes **12.00m't** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **1.00** Death in Paradise **2.00-4.00am** Murdoch Mysteries

SKY ONE

6.00am Mornings **6.30** Mornings **7.00** Mornings with Ridge and Frost **8.00** Stargate SG-1 **10.00** Will & Grace **11.00** The Simpsons **12.00noon** Africa's Hunters **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** S.W.A.T **5.00** The Simpsons **6.00** Rob & Romesh vs Superstar DJs **7.00** The Simpsons **7.30** LIVE EFL. Sheffield Wednesday v Bradford City (kick-off 8.00pm). **10.30** Rob Beckett: Wallop **11.40** The Paper **12.45am** Grimm **1.40** Evil **2.30** Road Wars **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00-6.00am** S.W.A.T

SKY ATLANTIC

6.00am Fish Town **8.00** Billions **10.15** House of the Dragon **12.40pm** Homicide: Life on the Street **2.30** Billions **4.30** Django **6.30** House of the Dragon **9.00** Possession **10.00** FILM Promising Young Woman (2020/15) Crime thriller, starring Carey Mulligan and Bo Burnham. ★★★★ **12.05am** All Her Fault **1.05** House of the Dragon **2.15** Billions **4.20-6.00am** The Guest Wing

SKY WITNESS

6.00am Bondi Rescue **7.00** Border Patrol **8.00** Send in the Dogs **9.00** The Force: Manchester **10.00** Motorway Patrol **10.30** Caught Red Handed **12.00noon** FBI **2.00** The Rookie **3.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent **4.00** Nothing to Declare **8.00** Caught on Dashcam **9.00** CIA **10.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **11.00** The Rookie **12.00m't** FBI **1.00** Chicago Med **2.00** Chicago Fire **3.00** Chicago PD **4.00** Motorway Patrol **5.00-6.00am** Border Security: Canada's Front Line

SKY COMEDY

8.00am Will & Grace **9.00** Sort Of **10.00** The Comeback **11.20** Will & Grace **12.20pm** Based on a True Story **1.35** The Comeback **3.00** Will & Grace **4.00** The Reluctant Landlord **5.00** Community **6.00** Will & Grace **7.00** The Office (US) **8.00** The Reluctant Landlord **9.00** Alan Carr: Regional Trinket **10.00** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **10.45** Based on a True Story **12.00m't** The Reluctant Landlord **1.00** Community **2.00** The Comeback **3.30-5.00am** Sort Of

DISCOVERY

6.00am How It's Made **7.00** The Aquarium **9.00** Gold Rush **11.00** Building Off the Grid **1.00pm** Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet **3.00** How It's Made **5.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **7.00** Wheeler Dealers **9.00** Naked and Afraid: Global Showdown **11.00** Expedition X **12.00m't** Deadliest Catch **1.00** Naked and Afraid: Global Showdown **3.00** Gold Divers **4.00-5.00am** Moonshiners: Master Distiller

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

8.00am Disaster Autopsy **9.00** Lion **10.50** Construction Fails **1.00pm** Air Crash Investigation **2.00** Lost Ships of WW2 **4.00** Lost Treasures of Egypt **5.00** Destruction Decoded **6.00** Nazi Megastructures: Death From Above **7.00** Air Crash Investigation **8.00** NEW Lion **9.50** Serengeti Speed Queen **10.50** Air Crash Investigation **11.50** Amsterdam Central 24/7 **12.50am** Northwoods Survival **1.50** Lords of War **2.20** Money Meltdown **3.20** Food Factory **4.10-5.00am** When Sharks Attack

Radio

BBC RADIO 1

97.6-99.8MHz 6.58am Newsbeat **7.00** Breakfast with Greg James **11.00** Rickie, Melvin and Charlie **12.45pm** Newsbeat **1.00** Matt and Jerry **3.00** Radio 1 Pop Anthems **3.30** Newsbeat **3.33** Going Home with Vick, Katie and Jamie on Radio 1 **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** Radio 1's New Music Show with Jack Saunders **8.00** Radio 1's Rave-Up with Charlie Tee **10.00** BBC Introducing Dance **11.00** The Residency on Radio 1 Dance **1.00am** Danny Howard's Club Mix **2.00** Radio 1 Anthems **4.00** Radio 1's Workout Anthems **5.00-6.58am** Early Breakfast

BBC RADIO 2

88-91MHz 6.30am The Sara Cox Breakfast Show **9.30** Vernon Kay **12.00noon** Jeremy Vine **2.00** DJ Spoony **4.00** Jason Manford **7.00** Prom Nights on Radio 2 **9.00** The Country Show with Darius Rucker **10.00** The Good Groove with Melvin Odoom. Sitting in for Spoony. **12.00m't** OJ Borg **3.00** Dance Sounds of the 90s with Vernon Kay **4.00-6.30am** Owain Wyn Evans

BBC RADIO 3

90.2-92.4MHz 6.30am Breakfast **9.30** Essential Classics **1.00pm** Classical Live **4.00** Composer of the Week: Felix Mendelssohn **5.00** In Tune **7.00** BBC Proms 2026 **10.00** Night Tracks **11.30** 'Round Midnight **12.30-6.30am** Through the Night

BBC RADIO 4

FM 92.4-94.6MHz 6.00am Today **9.00** Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics **9.30** The Guitar Story **10.00** Woman's Hour **11.00** This Cultural Life **11.45** Book of the Week: The Fire in the Mountain: Sicily, Etna and her People **12.00noon** News **12.04** Scam Secrets **12.32** Sliced Bread **12.57** Weather **1.00** The World at One **1.45** Human Intelligence **2.00** The Archers **2.15** Drama: The Observer's Book **3.00** Open Country **3.27** Radio 4 Appeal **3.30** The Metaphor Consultant **4.00** The Briefing Room **4.30** BBC Inside Science **5.00** PM **5.57** Weather **6.00** News **6.30** Icklewick FM **7.00** The Archers **7.15** Front Row **8.00** At Your Own Peril **8.15** The Media Show **9.00** Loose Ends **9.45** The Cows Are Mad **10.00** The World Tonight **10.45** Book at Bedtime: Mr Sidhu's Post Office **11.00** Radical **11.30** Poetry Please **12.00m't** News **12.30** Book of the Week: The Fire in the Mountain: Sicily, Etna and her People **12.48** Shipping **1.00** As BBC World Service **5.00** News **5.04** The Briefing Room **5.32** Weather **5.34** Shipping **5.43** Prayer **5.45-6.00am** Farming

CHOICE

This Cultural Life
Radio 4, 11am

Sebastian Faulks talks to John Wilson about his influences and formative cultural experiences. The author won huge acclaim for his First World War novel Birdsong, which – along with The Girl At the Lion D'or and Charlotte Gray – forms part of a trilogy of historical novels set in France.

BBC RADIO 5 LIVE

693/909kHz 6.00am 5 Live Breakfast **9.00** Rima Ahmed **11.00** Gordon Smart **2.00pm** Adam Fleming **4.00** 5 Live Drive **7.00** 5 Live Sport **8.00** 5 Live Formula 1 **9.00** 5 Live Sport: The Euro Leagues Podcast **10.00** Qasa Alom **1.00am** Joel Mitchell **5.00-6.00am** Wake Up to Money

BBC RADIO WALES

FM: 94.6MHz 6.00am Radio Wales News Update **6.05** Wake Up with Radio Wales **6.31** Country Focus **7.00** Radio Wales Breakfast **9.00** Bronwen Lewis **12.00noon** The Phone In **2.00** Behnaz Akhgar **5.00** Radio Wales Drive **6.30** Kiri's Comedy Club **7.00** Aleighcia Scott **10.00** Lois Cernyw **12.00m't** Relax with Radio Wales **1.00-6.00am** As Radio 5 Live

CLASSIC FM

100-102MHz 6.30am Classic FM Breakfast with Tim Lihoreau **9.00** The Classic FM Hall of Fame Hour with Tim Lihoreau **10.00** Aled Jones **1.00pm** Anne-Marie Minhall **4.00** Margherita Taylor **7.00** Relaxing Evenings with John Brunning **9.00** Classic FM's Composer Carousel with John Brunning **10.00** Calm Classics **1.00am** Bill Overton **4.00-6.30am** Early Breakfast

ABSOLUTE RADIO

DAB 6.00am Dave Berry. Morning music and chat. **10.00** Claire Sturgess **1.00pm** Ben Burrell **4.00** Hometime with Bush & Richie **7.00** Danielle Perry **10.00** Jay Lawrence **1.00-6.00am** Dan Noble

Movies

FILM4

11.00am The Battle at Apache Pass (1952/PG) Western, starring John Lund. ★★★
12.45pm Ride Lonesome (1959/12) Western, with Randolph Scott and Lee Van Cleef. ★★★★
2.20 Siege of the Saxons (1963/U) Medieval adventure, starring Ronald Lewis. ★★
4.15 Cleopatra (1963/PG) Historical epic, with Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. ★★★★
9.00 Heat (1995/15) Action thriller, starring Al Pacino and Robert De Niro. ★★★★★
12.20am Chopper (2000/18) Fact-based drama, starring Eric Bana. ★★★★★
2.15-4.00am We're All Going to the World's Fair (2021/15) Horror thriller, starring Anna Cobb and Michael J Rogers. ★★★

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

7.05am Tom And Jerry: Forbidden Compass (2025/PG) See 1.00pm. ★
9.00 Looney Tunes: The Day the Earth Blew Up (2024/PG) See 4.50am. ★★★
10.40 Hamnet (2025/12) See 8.00pm. ★★★★
1.00pm Tom And Jerry: Forbidden Compass (2025/PG) Animated adventure, featuring the voices of Eric Bauza and Ben Diskin. ★
2.45 Signal One (2026/15) See 11.50pm. ★★★
4.25 Mortal Kombat II (2026/15) Fantasy adventure, starring Karl Urban. ★★★
6.25 Normal (2026/15) Action comedy, starring Bob Odenkirk and Henry Winkler. ★★★★
8.00 Hamnet (2025/12) After losing their son to plague, Agnes and William Shakespeare grapple with grief. Period drama, starring Paul Mescal and Jessie Buckley. ★★★★
10.15 Seven Snipers (2026/15) Thriller, starring Radha Mitchell and Charles Cottier. ★★★
11.50 Signal One (2026/15) Sci-fi thriller, with Isabelle Fuhrman and Dennis Quaid. ★★★
1.30am Primate (2025/18) Horror, with Johnny Sequoyah and Jessica Alexander. ★★★
3.05 Lurker (2025/15) Drama, with Theodore Pellerin and Archie Madekwe. ★★★
4.50-6.30am Looney Tunes: The Day the Earth Blew Up (2024/PG) Animation, featuring the voice of Eric Bauza. ★★★

SKY CINEMA DRAMA

4.00pm Bohemian Rhapsody (2018/12) Drama, starring Rami Malek. ★★★★★
6.15 September 5 (2024/15) Drama, with Peter Sarsgaard and John Magaro. ★★★
8.00 True Grit (2010/15) The Coen brothers' Western, starring Jeff Bridges. ★★★★★
10.05 True Grit (1969/PG) Western, starring John Wayne and Kim Darby. ★★★★
12.15am The Brutalist (2025/18) Drama, with Adrien Brody and Felicity Jones. ★★★★
3.35 Six Minutes to Midnight (2020/12) Drama, with Judi Dench and James D'Arcy. ★★★
5.20-6.00am Sky Cinema Preview – August

SKY CINEMA FAMILY

6.00pm Look Who's Talking (1989/12) Comedy, starring Kirstie Alley. ★★★
7.45 Look Who's Talking Too (1990/12) Comedy sequel, starring John Travolta. ★★★
9.15 Look Who's Talking Now (1993/12) Comedy sequel, starring John Travolta. ★★★
11.05 Free Willy (1993/PG) Family drama, starring Jason James Richter. ★★★
1.00am Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (2004/PG) Comedy adventure, starring Jim Carrey. ★★★★
2.50 Cats & Dogs (2001/PG) Comedy, starring Jeff Goldblum and Elizabeth Perkins. ★★★
4.30-6.00am Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010/U) Comedy, starring Chris O'Donnell and James Marsden. ★★★

TALKING PICTURES TV

4.35pm Albert RN (1953/PG) Fact-based Second World War drama. ★★★
6.20 Strange But True Unexplained stories.
6.55 The Brothers Richard Easton stars.
8.00 Mark Saber Donald Gray stars.
8.30 The Wheeltappers and Shunters Social Club Malcolm Roberts sings She.
9.20 Assault (1970/18) Thriller, starring Suzy Kendall and Frank Finlay. ★★
11.10 Deux Hommes dans la Ville (1973) French crime drama, with Alain Delon. ★★★
1.10am I, The Jury (1953/18) Crime drama, starring Biff Elliot and Preston Foster. ★★★
2.55 Castle Sinister (1948/PG) Horror, with Mara Russell-Tavernan and Robert Essex. ★★★
4.00 Burke's Law Detective series.
5.00-6.00am The Man from UNCLE Drama.

GREAT! MYSTERY

4.00pm Diagnosis Murder Detective drama.
5.00 Murder, She Wrote Double bill.
7.00 Castle Castle looks into a mysterious death of a fan at a sci-fi convention.
8.00 Unforgettable Poppy Montgomery stars.
9.00 In Plain Sight Mary McCormack stars.
10.00 Morning Show Mysteries: Death by Design (2019/PG) Whodunit. ★★★★
11.55pm Aurora Teagarden Mysteries: Honeymoon, Honeymurder (2021/PG) Mystery, with Candace Cameron Bure. ★★★
1.50am Grandma Dearest (2020/PG) Thriller, with Wendie Malick and Amanda Righetti. ★★★
3.25-6.00am Nanny's Killer Scandal (2018/15) Thriller, starring AnaSofia Bianchi. ★★★

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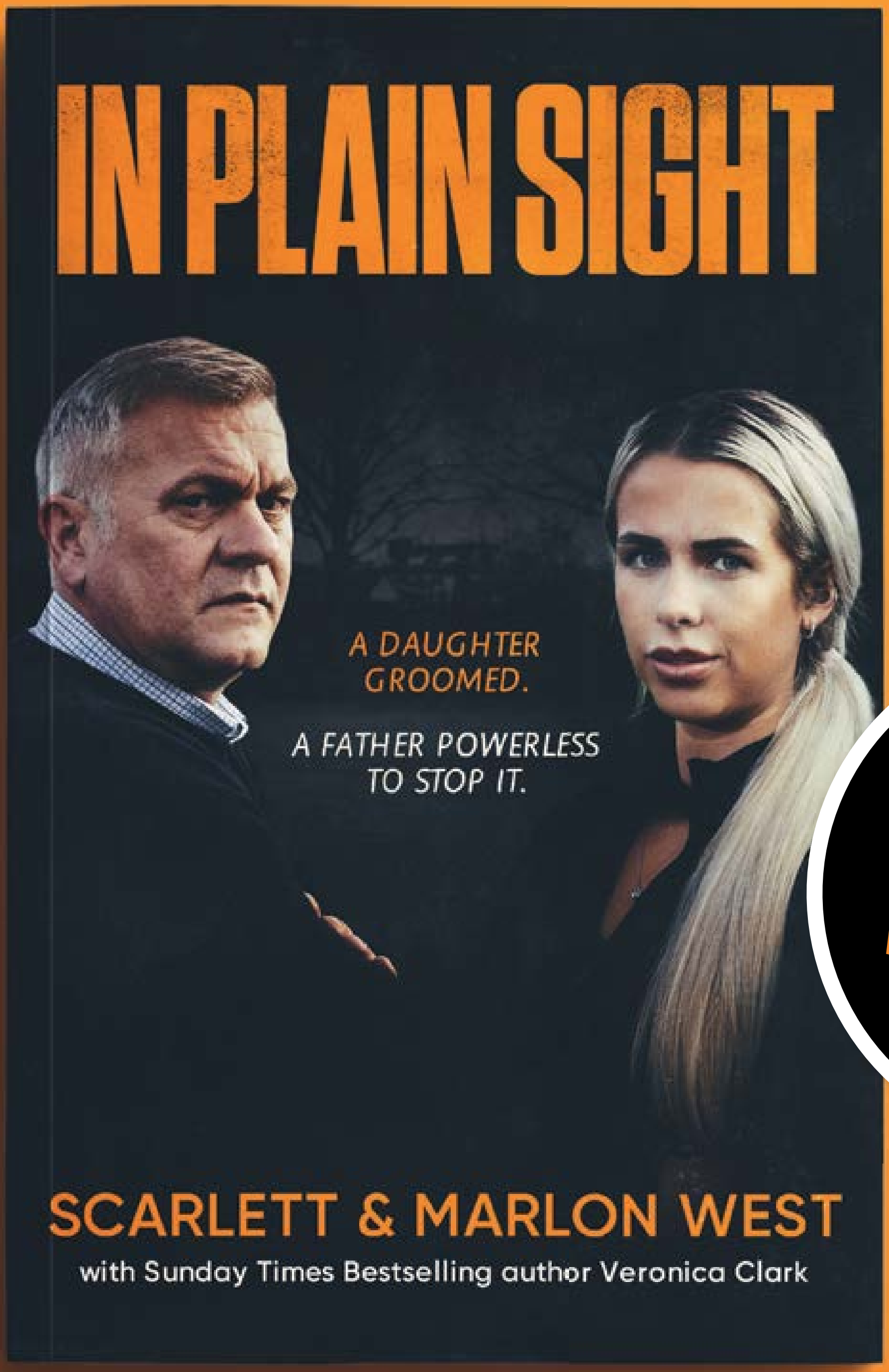
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DEAR COLEEN

I simply cannot bear my husband's awful best friend

Dear Coleen
I have a real problem with my husband's best mate. He constantly makes inappropriate comments about women, even though he's married to the loveliest person, who I'm sure has no idea what he says when she's not around.

Recently, I got really annoyed when I was out in a group with him and when his wife was out of earshot, he started commenting about how attractive another woman was, so I reminded him that he's married. He just said, "I'm well aware of that" and carried on.

I hate that my husband hangs out with him so much, but whenever I've brought it up, he says, "He's just joking, he'd never do anything" or "He's a bit of a prat, but it's just the way he's always been".

Am I overreacting to this? I don't think so. However, I'm aware that I can't really tell my husband who to be friends with.

I don't want to be in his company, but it's tricky as he's part of a bigger group of friends. I feel his wife ought to know what he's like when she's not around, but I don't want to cause drama. What do you think?

'His wife ought to know what he's like when she's not around'

Coleen says
I'd say carry on not excusing his behaviour – walk away, don't laugh at his "jokes" and if he says anything in your company that you find offensive or inappropriate, call it out. Let him know that it's not OK to speak like that in front of you and, hopefully, the penny will drop.

He sounds like he's peacocking and showing off when his wife isn't around, which is really just a bit sad and immature. But just because your husband has been friends with him forever, doesn't mean he agrees with what he says or behaves in the same way when you're not around.

And if you really don't want to be around him, then don't be. Your husband can see him for a drink on his own.

But I don't know if I'd tell his wife what he says – there's a high chance she already knows what he's like and it might just cause bad feeling between the two of you.

Unfortunately, we can't pick who our partners are friends with, but you don't have to get too involved. Quietly remove yourself from gatherings or, if you are out and he's there, do your best to ignore him. It sounds like he's the only one being a prat!

COLEEN'S WORDS OF WISDOM

Confidence is built and you build it every time you challenge yourself by pushing out of your comfort zone. Every goal you reach and every achievement – whether it's big or small – will give you more confidence.

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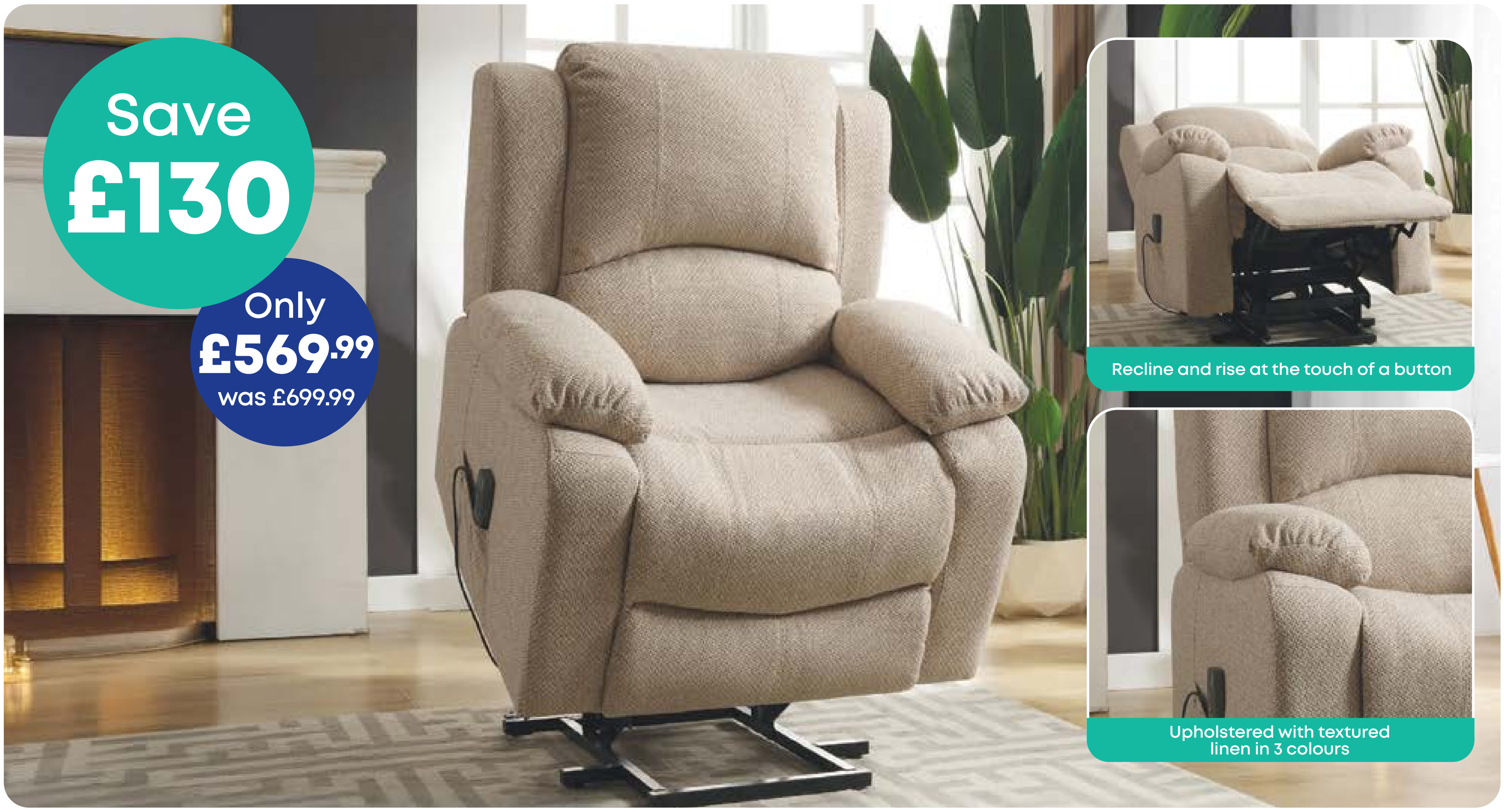

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ARIES MAR 21-APRIL 20

Your creative side is calling, and it won't be ignored for long. Whether it's a hobby, an idea, or a spontaneous plan, follow it. In relationships, don't swing between wanting closeness and needing space. Say what you mean. A conversation could reveal something if you stay open instead of defensive. You are being led towards striking a better balance.

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GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21

It's all about connection today. Conversations can bring clarity, especially if you're willing to say what's on your mind. New ideas are flowing, and they could benefit both work and friendships. In romance, though, don't get swept up in pressure or expectations. Keep things grounded. A mix of curiosity and realism will serve you far better than wishful thinking.

For more call **0905 789 4173**
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LEO JULY 24-AUG 23

You're full of energy and ready to express yourself, and people are paying attention. Use that to your advantage. Share your ideas, connect, and don't hold back. Relationships may need a bit of effort, listen as much as you speak. Trust your instincts in matters of the heart. When you're genuine, you inspire others without even trying.

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LIBRA SEPT 24-OCT 23

Your social world is buzzing with fresh energy, and it's a great time to connect, collaborate, or simply enjoy good company. You're inspiring others without even trying. Still, relationship tensions may need your attention. Don't avoid them. A calm, honest conversation will clear the air more effectively than keeping the peace on the surface.

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SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21

You're seeing things more clearly now, especially in friendships and goals. It's a good time to have that conversation you've been putting off. In love, you may feel pulled between freedom and commitment. Be honest about what you want instead of trying to please everyone. Authenticity will lead to stronger, more genuine connections.

For more call **0905 789 4179**
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AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 19

Relationships are taking centre stage, and it's time to be clear about what matters to you. A meaningful conversation could shift things in a positive direction, but only if you're honest. Work or long-term goals may feel tense, but that pressure can help you refocus. Trust your instincts – they're guiding you toward decisions that reflect who you are.

For more call **0905 789 4181**
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TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21

You're in a reflective mood, especially about home and close relationships. Feelings run deeper than usual, so don't brush them aside. Speak up calmly. At work, boundaries matter – don't take on more than you should just to keep the peace. A small adjustment now can make life much easier later. Growth comes from honesty today, not avoidance.

For more call **0905 789 4172**
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CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 23

Money, values, and emotional security are closely linked. Take a moment to think about what truly matters to you before making decisions. At home, tensions may arise, but they're not there to upset you – they're there to teach you. Compromise will go further than stubbornness. Lean on supportive friendships; they'll remind you you're not alone.

For more call **0905 789 4174**
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VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 23

This is a quieter, more introspective day for you. You're thinking deeply about home, relationships, and what makes you feel secure. Don't ignore those thoughts –they're leading somewhere useful. Financial or practical concerns may also surface, but instead of stressing, use them as a chance to get organised. Clarity comes when you face things.

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THE BIG ISSUE

PM must tackle sad roots of homelessness

Prime Minister Andy Burnham is on a mission to end rough sleeping and has announced the next steps on a national drive to give everyone a bed by Christmas. You say...

● IT'S great news that the PM is tackling the issue of homelessness head on with an offer of a bed for everyone as winter approaches. But this can't just be a short-term solution.

The underlying causes that force people to sleep rough must be tackled, otherwise we will continue to be in the same situation for years to come. And there must be an accelerated drive to build social and council housing to clear the curse of temporary accommodation backlogs.

Homelessness also requires a concerted multiagency approach that looks at health inequalities and issues around addiction.

This is a strong start by Andy Burnham but there is much more to do.

S Naughton, Wirral, Merseyside

● Andy Burnham's ambition to get those living on our streets back on their feet and into accommodation, is, without doubt, a commendable one.

But these hapless people also need help finding employment, which would give them a real sense of belonging, while becoming an integral part of society.

It would restore their pride and put them on a firm footing.

Michael Smith, Chatham, Kent

● It has long been to the shame of our society that despite being one of the richest countries in the world, we have so many people sleeping on the streets. The PM is right that "something that used to shock us now feels like part of the scenery".

They are in a vicious cycle of circumstances which keep them homeless and unable to work.

Andy Burnham and Secretary of State for Housing Angela Rayner are pledging to end this. If they do, they will succeed where all other politicians have previously failed.

We wish them well with their endeavours.

Diane Silva, Bournemouth

● The new national drive to end rough sleeping is to be welcomed and follows on from a range of other announcements.

These include a new cut on energy bills, the return of the £2 cap on bus fares in England, record numbers of National Crime Agency officers to tackle gangs behind small boat crossings, 14-year-olds to have early access to technical education, a 20% cut in business rates and a plan to fix our broken social care system.

This is just the start of the second two years of government under Andy Burnham.

I say bring it on!

Jessica Goetia Brooking, Havant, Hampshire

TO THE POINT

Shrinkflation is the price increases that don't show in the indexes, the crafty profit gathering ploys that supermarkets hide on the balance sheet.

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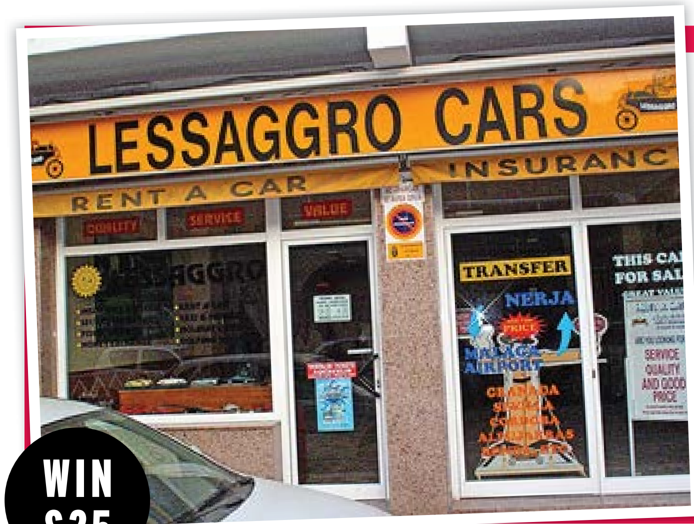
Syd Vaughan, Yardley Wood, Birmingham



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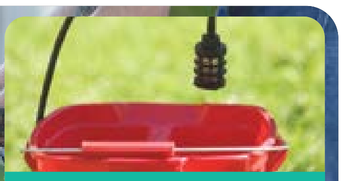
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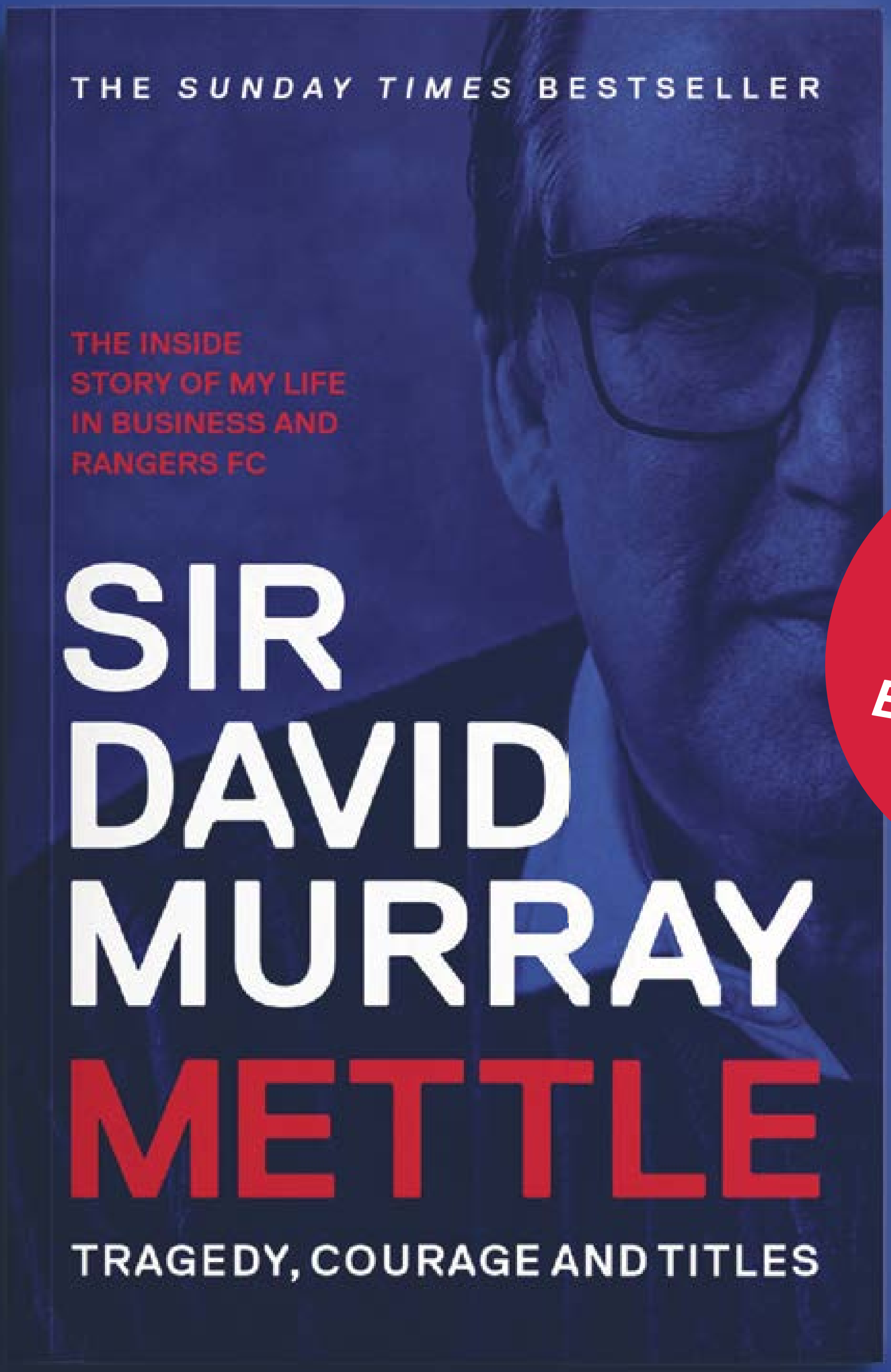
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GOLF DUNHILL LINKS

Poulter & Westy are returning

LIV Golf pair Lee Westwood and Ian Poulter are set to play again on the DP World Tour at the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship in October.

The Englishmen – who have both settled their hefty fines with the DP World Tour – are part of the announced field in Scotland alongside Tommy Fleetwood and former Open champion Cameron Smith.

Poulter and Westwood (above) are scheduled for a first appearance on the DP World Tour since early 2023, with the event hosted on the Old Course at St Andrews, Carnoustie and Kingsbarns.

"I am looking forward to being back at the Dunhill Links for the first time in a while," said Westwood, who won the event in 2003 with a third-round course-record 62 at Kingsbarns. It (2003 win) seems a very long time ago, but one of the highlights of my career."

GOLF PGA TOUR

Rory still a work in progress

BY **JIM VAN WIJK**

RORY McILROY admits an improvement in his form at the BMW Championship in St Louis will feel like a win.

The world No.2 laboured to an eight-over finish at the St Jude Championship, finishing third from bottom.

The back-to-back Masters champion had returned to action in Memphis for the first time since he tied for 40th at The Open.

McIlroy (above) said: "If you come into events and all you are thinking about is winning, then there is a lot more to golf than that. It is not as binary as you win or you lose.

"I have had fifth-place finishes that have felt like wins because I haven't played very well, but I have got as much out of my game as I can.

"If I am somehow able to put myself in a position to win this week, that would be amazing, but just seeing some progress would be a 'win' for me."

HULL OF A MESS

Lewis in the dock for this challenge – following on from the headbutt (right)

Williams is still tipping Lewis to become one of game's best... even after latest dismissal

IT'S BIN SO TOUGH FOR MIKEY

BY **JOSH McALLISTER**

GEORGE WILLIAMS has sent a message of support to international team-mate Mikey Lewis after the Hull KR half-back landed himself in trouble again.

Lewis could be facing another spell on the sidelines after being penalised on his return to action from a four-match ban for headbutting in July at the Halliwell Jones Stadium.

The 25-year-old was sent to the sin-bin in the closing stages of Tuesday's re-arranged Round 2 clash against Warrington, after making dangerous contact with Ewan Irwin while leaping to charge down a kick.

With Lewis already carrying disciplinary points, he is expected to land in hot water once again, with the Rugby Football League's Match Review Panel due to meet later today. But Warrington and England captain Williams has defended Lewis.

Williams stole the show at Sewell Group Craven Park, scoring one try and laying on two more as Warrington claimed a crucial 34-28 victory in the play-off race.

Sam Burgess' side head into Round 24 in third spot, with Huddersfield Giants up next.

Asked about Lewis following his latest sin-bin, Williams said: "I'd just put my arm around him.

"When you speak to Mikey, he is actually a nice, quiet lad. He is not like how he plays. I love how he plays, he's competitive and competes for everything.

"Sometimes it is just a fine line. At the minute he is getting it wrong, but we all know he is one of the best players in our competition. If he is at his best, he is one of the best.

"I'd put my arm around him, but I'm sure he's doing a load of work on himself. He wouldn't want that to happen. We all know he's one of the best players in the comp and hopefully he's back to that soon."

Williams, 31, marked a sensational early return from neck surgery in Round 23 against York Knights, making his comeback just 12 weeks after his operation and well ahead of schedule. He is now hoping to lead the club to ultimate glory before leaving at the end of the year for a return to the NRL.

"It's really good to be back," Williams said. "I've done some tough work with the medical and performance staff.

"I'm glad I'm back, but it's about the team now.

"We want to close the gap, and I think we are doing that slowly. We conceded two late tries and if we want to be a champion team, champion teams don't concede them.

"That keeps us on our toes. We're positive, but if we are serious about doing something serious in terms of winning things, we need to knock those tries on the head."

BRONCOS FAIL WITH FOLAU BID

BY **JOSH McALLISTER**

ISRAEL FOLAU has reportedly turned down a sensational 'secret' approach from London Broncos to make a return to rugby league.

There is a suggestion the English Championship club were keen to bring the 37-year-old back to the sport after his latest attempt to return to the NRL fell short.

It had been reported Wests Tigers were in discussions with the outside-back. Now, Australian reports claim Folau (left) has rejected an approach from Broncos and will hang up his boots. The former dual-code international represented Melbourne Storm and Brisbane Broncos in the NRL before returning to rugby league with Catalans Dragons in 2020.

Ambitious Broncos have made no secret of their desire to return to Super League, having already secured the signings of Warrington Wolves duo Joe Philbin and Toby King from the 2027 season.

Super League's clubs are once again set to be determined by IMG's grading system, with Broncos currently thought to be outside the top 14. But the NRL are said to be keen on the inclusion of Broncos, if the competition can strike a partnership with Super League in the northern hemisphere.

CYCLING LLOYDS TOUR OF BRITAIN

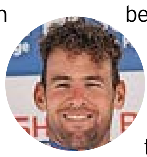
WIEBES LEADS CAV-ALRY CHARGE ON RECORD

BY **LAURA HOWARD**

LORENA WIEBES is closing in on Mark Cavendish's stage victory record at the Lloyds Tour of Britain after finishing at the front of a first-stage sprint into Cockermouth.

The Dutch Team SD Worx-Protime rider (left) arrived in the Lake District fresh from claiming the sprinters' jersey at the Tour de France Femmes. It was her eighth stage win at the British round of the UCI Women's WorldTour.

She is now within reach of topping the overall record of 10, held by Cavendish (circle).



"We came into the race as a team looking to go for stage wins and this is a nice way to start," the 27-year-old said. "After the Tour de France, I had a few days off and an easy week, but you never know how your legs will be. I suffered quite a lot during the stage because others made it quite hard with attacks.

"But it came good as the team did a good job with reacting to attacks."

Team Picnic PostNL rider Audrey De Keersmaeker earned the Queen of the Mountains jersey. "It did not start as a goal, but I saw an opportunity to spice up the race," she said.

Team-mate Josie Nelson finished the highest-placed Brit, crossing the line in third.

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British fans who made them famous will miss the big fight

WHY AJ-FURY IN BIG APPLE IS HARD TO SWALLOW

COMMENT

BY **MARTIN DOMIN**

ANTHONY JOSHUA and Tyson Fury already come with plenty of baggage.

In sporting terms, they are damaged goods.

Six years ago Fury and Joshua held all four heavyweight world titles between them.

The stage was set for a two-fight series to crown the division's first undisputed champion since Lennox Lewis.

But Fury was instead forced to fight Deontay Wilder and Joshua lost his belts to Oleksandr Usyk.

Now neither man holds a world title and both are on the brink of retirement.

And so they will fight for little more than pride.

Most fans have long accepted a clash between the British titans will not deliver what it once promised.

They are willing to forget the past as long as both men put on a show.

But they did at least expect that show to be staged in England. Ever since Carl Froch knocked out George Groves at Wembley over a decade ago, we have been spoiled for stadium fights.

Joshua has headlined Wembley four times while Fury (below, right) is no stranger to the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium.

Chris Eubank Jr and Conor Benn twice filled the Premier League ground last year.

But those nights would have paled into insignificance when Fury and Joshua graced the Wembley turf.

The idea they will instead finally trade blows in New York is preposterous. No matter how many times you say it, it will never make sense. The argument goes that Netflix, after initially agreeing to stage the fight in the UK, were suddenly spooked by an afternoon start time across the pond.

But Joshua and Fury are no New York Knicks. They are not Taylor Swift.

It would be a challenge to find a New Yorker who believes their city should be hosting the biggest fight in British boxing history.

A compromise of fighting in the wee small hours at Wembley proved to be little more than hot air. The Mayor of London was in support but never approached.

It was to be New York or nothing.

And if Joshua and promoter Eddie Hearn had not dug their heels in, debate over the venue would by now be old news.

But even their resolve has weakened.

Hearn now accepts a deal is there to be done.

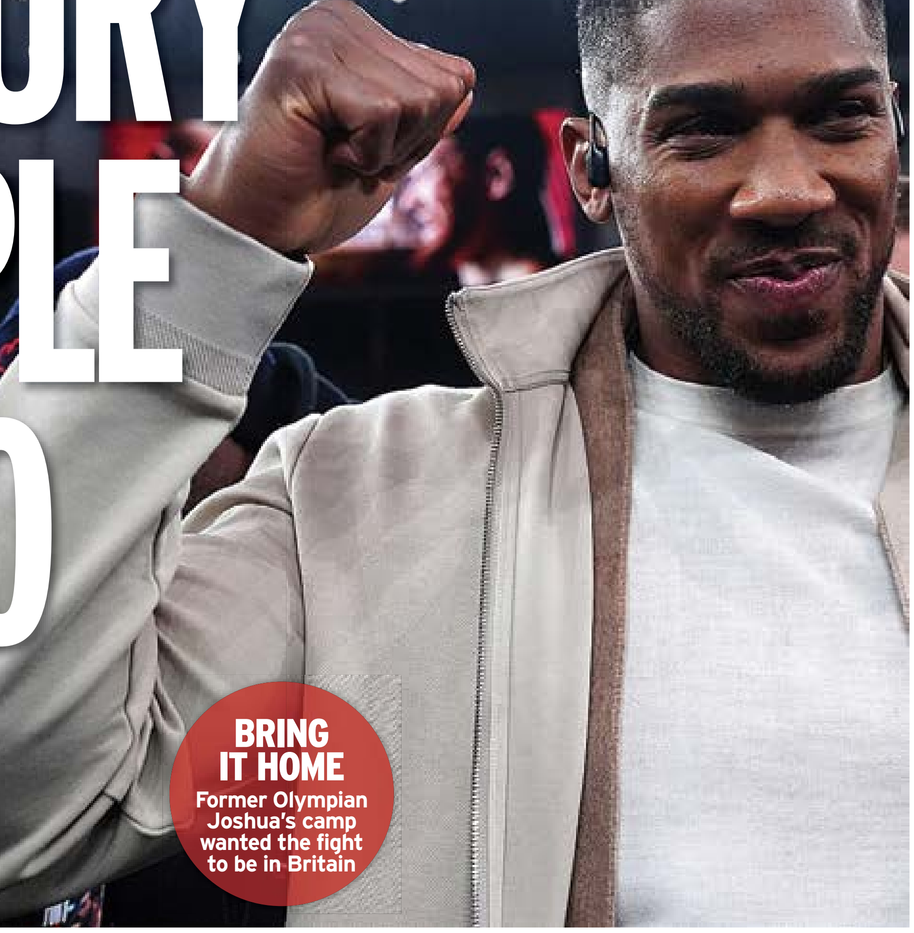
Aand with the proposed November 20 date now just 13 weeks away, time is running out.

Hearn will no doubt be compensated for ultimately relenting. Joshua and Fury will be laughing all the way to the bank. But what about the British fans?

There will be no reimbursement for a decade spent lining the pockets of their heroes.

Even if every Madison Square Garden (below, left) ticket goes to a visitor, 70,000 will still miss out. After years of frustration, some will say we should be grateful the fight is happening at all.

But when the bell rings 3,000 miles away, it will be a hollow victory indeed.



BRING IT HOME

Former Olympian Joshua's camp wanted the fight to be in Britain

FORMULA ONE

Lawson back for Red Bull

BY **PHILIP DUNCAN**

LIAM LAWSON has been handed a shock Red Bull return at this weekend's Dutch Grand Prix – 16 months after he was axed by the former world champions.

New Zealander Lawson (above) – dropped by Red Bull after just two races last year – will line up alongside Max Verstappen following a wrist injury sustained by Isack Hadjar during the summer break.

Hadjar's demise sees Lawson promoted back from Racing Bulls.

A statement from Red Bull read: "Isack Hadjar has sustained a wrist injury during summer shutdown that will prevent him from racing at the 2026 Dutch Grand Prix.

"We will be welcoming back Liam Lawson who will replace him."

Following his demotion from Red Bull last year, Lawson bounced back well with Racing Bulls, scoring 43 points so far this season.

Yuki Tsunoda will partner Arvid Lindblad at Racing Bulls as a replacement for Lawson.

Mercedes' Kimi Antonelli heads into the second half of the season with a 50-point lead over Lewis Hamilton in the championship standings. Antonelli's team-mate George Russell is nine points further back.

Carlos Sainz (above) has ended speculation over his Formula One future by agreeing to stay at Williams.

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TENNIS DJOK DOC

'15 more' for Novak

BY **YASMIN SYED**

NOVAK DJOKOVIC has admitted he could play well into his FORTIES after saying he might continue "another 15 years".

Djokovic, 39, has won everything possible in tennis but the 24-time Major champion has now admitted he has no clue how long he'll keep going.

In his new Prime Video documentary, 'Novak Djokovic: The Wolf in Winter', the current world No.5 (inset) said: "I truly feel still young. I don't know when I'm going to finish my career.

"It might be another year, it might be another 15 years. As long as I feel I can win tournaments, and be one of the best players in the world, I want to keep going."

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FIRST TEST (Galle): **India** 462 (116.4 overs; DB Padikkal 167; KL Rahul 82; DC Jurel 51; WK Nuwantha 3-175; NGRP Jayasuriya 4-109) & 193 (48.5 overs; RR Pant 66; AM Fernando 4-31; NGR P Jayasuriya 3-43); **Sri Lanka** 284 (79.4 overs; SD Gamage 100; DP DN Dickwella 80; MJ Suthar 4-76; RA Jadeja 3-57) & 206 (77.4 overs; SD Gamage 84; DM de Silva 59; MJ Suthar 6-55). **India win by 165 runs.**

CYCLING

WOMENS TOUR OF BRITAIN—Stage 1 (Cockermouth, 158.9km): 1 L Wiebes (Ned) Team SD Worx-Protime 4h 3m 9s, 2 C Consonni (Ita) CANYON//SRAM, 3 J Nelson (Gbr) Team Picnic PostNL both at same time.

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TODAY'S DIARY

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Sheffield Wednesday v Bradford (8pm)....

CRICKET

First Test—day 2 of 5: England v Pakistan (Headingley, 11am).

County Championship (day 1 of 4, 11am) **- Div One** Hampshire v Yorkshire (The Rose Bowl), Leics v Glamorgan (Leicester), Somerset v Essex (Taunton), Surrey v Notts (The Kia Oval), Warwickshire v Sussex (Edgbaston). **Div Two:** Derbyshire v Durham (Derby), Glous v Worcs (Cheltenha), Lancs v Northants (Old Trafford), Middlesex v Kent (Northwood).

GOLF

BMW Championship (Caves Valley Golf Club, Owings Mills, Maryland).
LIV Golf Indianapolis (Westfield).
Nexo Championship (Aberdeen). Aberdeenshire).
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TENNIS

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SHARE OF THE SPOILS England's Josh Tongue and Ollie Robinson after each took five wickets

SCOREBOARD

First Test Match
England v Pakistan
(Day 1 of 5)

HEADINGLEY: England trail Pakistan by 59 runs with eight first-innings wickets in hand

PAKISTAN: First Inns

A Awais lbw Robinson	0
I ul Haq c Brook b Tongue	42
S Masood lbw Robinson	5
A Shafique b Robinson	61
S Shakeel lbw Robinson	5
A Salman b Tongue	21
M Rizwan b Tongue	12
A Usman lbw Tongue	0
K Shahzad c Atkinson b Robinson	14
M Abbas b Tongue	2
M Ali not out	0
B4 lb4 nb1	9
Total (48.1 overs)	**171**

Fall: 0, 6, 97, 117, 118, 150, 150, 159, 171.

Bowling: Robinson 18-3-51-5, Archer 9-4-26-0, Atkinson 12-1-40-0, Tongue 9.1-0-46-5.

ENGLAND: First Inns

B Duckett lbw Abbas	15
E Gay c Salman b Ali	33
J Cox not out	23
J Root not out	37
Lb4	4
Total (2 wkts, 25 overs)	**112**

Fall: 36, 48.

Bowling: Abbas 10-2-34-1, Shahzad 7-0-28-0, Ali 7-0-38-1, Usman 1-0-8-0.

Umpires: C Gaffaney & A Paleker.

BUNCH OF FIVE-FERS

ON TOP Jordan Cox (L) & Joe Root

Tongue and Robinson star on Root's return as Test skipper

BY **TOM BLOW**

ROOTS need rain to grow – and the returning England captain got exactly that.

In the midst of a bone-dry summer, Joe Root's men overcame a rare rain delay to punish Pakistan at Headingley.

And he may have already found the bowlers who could make or break his second stint as captain, with Ollie Robinson and Josh Tongue taking five wickets each.

Yorkshireman Root won the toss and elected to bowl in overcast conditions.

Robinson made full use of them, taking a wicket with his very first ball. He rapped Azan Awais on his front pad before doing the same to fellow left-hander Shan Masood, leaving Pakistan 6-2.

The tourists regrouped during the lengthy rain break. Imam-ul-Haq and Abdullah Shafique put on more than 90 for the third wicket before the former lost focus.

Imam wafted at Tongue's wide delivery and edged it straight to Harry Brook. The door was now open for Robinson to attack.

The 32-year-old, who hasn't been seen since the opening Test of the summer against New Zealand, trapped another left-hander LBW.

Saud Shakeel was his victim this time. The batter thought about reviewing the decision before tentatively plodding off. Replays confirmed the delivery was heading over the stumps.

Robinson then found Shafique's stumps, ending his resilient half-century, before completing his five-for by tempting Khurram Shahzad to hole out.

The Sussex man has been in and out of the Test team since he made his debut five years ago, battling fitness issues, but he's undoubtedly England's most skilful bowler.

Root must find a way to keep him fit and firing if he's to finally become an Ashes-winning captain next summer. There's less uncertainty surrounding Tongue's place in the team.

He's a key bowler across all three formats and produced a beauty to get rid of Salman Ali Agha. Pakistan's stand-in skipper could do little as Tongue rattled the top of his off-stump, courtesy of a tiny inside edge, before shredding the tail to pieces.

Muhammad Rizwan and Ali Usman were hit on the pad by the Notts star, while Muhammad Abbas was castled to end the innings.

With Gus Atkinson and Jofra Archer also part of the attack, it looks a formidable one for Root to manage.

In response, England showed Bazball isn't quite dead. Although the batters weren't reckless, they were positive. Ben Duckett tried to rotate the strike before Abbas got him LBW, while Emilio Gay crashed seven boundaries before Mohammad Ali caught his outside edge.

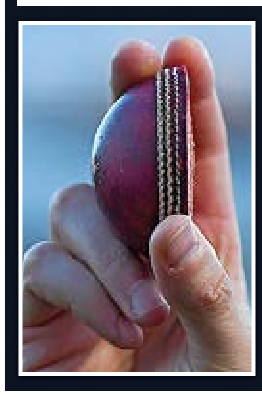
But neither Ali nor his peers could deliver the knockout blow and get rid of Root.

The captain looked as comfortable as ever at the crease, sending Shahzad's wayward bowling to the boundary and seeing off the threat of Abbas.

Jordan Cox also looked accomplished in his first innings at No.3. Heading into today, Pakistan's lead is just 59.

Day 1 of the second Root Administration was a success, but he must keep delivering with the bat. Without the Test captaincy, he averages 53.34. With it, that figure drops to 46.70.

England need Root the batter just as much as Root the captain.



HALF-BALL HEROES OLLIE AND JOSH HAPPY TO SPLIT

BY **TOM BLOW**

OLLIE ROBINSON and Josh Tongue each took home half a cricket ball yesterday after sharing all 10 Pakistan wickets.

The England bowlers claimed five wickets apiece at Headingley to restrict Pakistan to 171 with England ending day one just 59 runs behind. And the two bowlers were more than happy to literally share the red ball after a dominant first day.

"Robbo had it to start with, but the groundsman has now split it in half," Tongue said.

Robinson made sure to bring his half of the ball into his press conference and proudly held it aloft (left). When Tongue suggested the idea, as they walked off the field, Robinson replied: "I reckon we should do that. I think it'd be quite cool."

The latter added: "It's one of those things... you don't have too many halves of cricket balls.

"It would be something we never forget, really, and it's not very often two guys get five-for in the same innings. It's a nice gesture and something to remember."

Robinson's fitness battles are well documented but he is confident of kicking on from here.

He added: "It's about being really consistent and really level, and not having too many ups and downs in this game. That's what I'm trying to do at the moment."

IT'S ALL ADDING UP United target Carlos Baleba fends off Bruno Fernandes last season

DATA WITH DESTINY

Computer says yes... but Brighton's Baleba will be the acid test of United's stats boffins

BY **STEVEN RAILSTON**

THERE is excitement in the air at Manchester United about the prospect of landing Carlos Baleba from Brighton for a knockdown fee.

But the signing of someone who was valued at more than £100m 12 months ago could prove to be the tipping point for the club's transfer gurus.

United have been desperate for another midfielder for months and considered a move for Baleba last summer.

Brighton valued the Cameroon star in excess of £100m at the time, which was an impossible fee to meet for United during a window when other areas were prioritised.

The Red Devils are now close to a full agreement with the Seagulls for Baleba, having submitted an offer of £60m plus £5m in add-ons.

But it shouldn't be celebrations all round just yet – for if something reduces in value, there has always got to be a reason.

Baleba's form dipped last season, to the extent that his manager conceded the transfer interest had affected his performances.

Baleba, 22, was hooked twice at half-time by Fabian Hurzeler in the first half of the season, before he played at the Africa Cup of Nations.

Following that tournament, he would make just eight league starts for the South Coast club.

There is no getting away from the fact Brighton are prepared to consider offers in the region of £65m due to his regression.

Now Baleba feels like the acid test of United's data department. The midfielder ranks highly on key metrics, which indicate he can become one of the best in his position in the Premier League.

But scouts who watched him in person last term wouldn't have compiled glowing reports.

The theory is the underlying numbers give depth to visual impressions of players. A player could have a poor game, but their numbers from across a full season paint a better picture of their true ability.

Michael Sansoni, director of data at United, was appointed from the Mercedes F1 team two years ago.

The data team has received investment at a time when every other department has shrunk and has become increasingly influential in recruitment at Old Trafford.

Sansoni recently received industry recognition for his work at United, but his reputation will be affected by whether Baleba succeeds.

However, there will be more eyes on Jason Wilcox, the director of football, and Christopher Vivell, the director of recruitment, who are the main protagonists during transfer windows.

United are willing to overlook a disappointing season because of the regard in which Baleba is held.

The opinion is backed up by data, but as the club's most expensive signing of the summer, the transfer comes attached with risk.

If he does flop, then the pressure turns on Michael Carrick, too.

NUMBERS MAN United's director of data Michael Sansoni

CARLOS IS CLOSE TO A SWITCH

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preparing to travel to Manchester. Baleba would become United's most expensive capture of the summer. Andrey Santos was signed in a £50m deal last month, and Youri Tielemans joined from Aston Villa for £35m.

United planned to overhaul their midfield this summer following Casemiro's departure on a free transfer. Manuel Ugarte picked up a serious knee injury at the World Cup, further adding to the need for more reinforcements.

Baleba made 23 starts for Brighton in the Premier League last season though just eight of those came after the Africa Cup of Nations.

He is currently recovering from an ankle ligament injury but is not expected to miss an extended period.

Baleba moved to the Amex from Lille in 2023 for 27m euros (£23.2m) and signed a contract until 2028 following Moises Caicedo's big-money move to Chelsea. Earlier this summer United had agreed with Atalanta to sign Ederson, but backed out of the deal.

CITY PROBE 'NEEDS TIME'

BY **RYAN TAYLOR**

RICHARD MASTERS insists the independent commission investigating Manchester City's alleged 115 breaches of financial rules "needs time and space to do their work".

The Premier League is under pressure to resolve the "hugely complex" case, three-and-a-half years after City were charged.

But Masters says the process must be allowed to reach its "natural conclusion" – even if it is taking "longer than expected."

Arsenal chief executive Richard Garlick is the latest figure calling for clarity, 18 months after the disciplinary hearing concluded.

CEO Masters (top) said: "There's only one available option, which is to allow the process to reach its natural conclusion.

"I've accepted that it would take longer than perhaps anyone had expected. We've always said that the commission needs time and space to do its work. I just have to accept that people are frustrated."

BLUES ARE 'BEST' FOR CHAVARRIA

PEP CHAVARRIA says he has moved to Chelsea to win trophies at "the best club in London".

The 28-year-old left-back became Blues boss Xabi Alonso's latest new recruit last week when he completed an £18million switch from Rayo Vallecano.

"I've played in Spain all my life and for me, the Premier League is the best league in the world right now," Chavarria (above) said. "Chelsea always needs to win all the trophies. It's the best club in London. We need to work hard."

COUDERT IS AT BURNLEY FOR KEEPS

BURNLEY have completed the signing of goalkeeper Gregoire Coudert from Ligue 1 side Brest for an undisclosed fee.

Coudert (above), who played 26 times for Brest last season, has signed a four-year deal with the Championship side.

The 27-year-old said: "I'm really pleased to have joined Burnley and to be playing in England for the first time in my career.

"It's a great new chapter for me. I can't wait to get working with the team and I'm more than ready for this opportunity."

CITY JOB Enzo Maresca has to follow the high standards set by Pep Guardiola

A NEW LOOK ON THE TOUCHLINE

BY **DARREN WELLS**

NINE new managers will line up in the dugouts for the Premier League's opening weekend – the most in the competition's history.

It surpasses the eight changes made before the 2016-17 campaign, which included Manchester City appointing Pep Guardiola, whose exit this summer paved the way for Enzo Maresca to take charge.

Arsenal boss Mikel Arteta is now the longest-serving boss in the top-flight, having taken the reins in December 2019 - just over six and a half years ago.

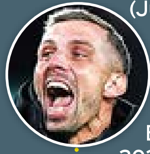
BOURNEMOUTH
Former coach: Andoni Iraola
New head coach: Marco Rose (right)
Last club managed: RB Leipzig (September 2022 – March 2025)

CHELSEA
Former coach: Calum McFarlane (interim after Liam Rosenior)
New head coach: Xabi Alonso
Last club managed: Real Madrid (June 2025 – January 2026)

CRYSTAL PALACE
Former coach: Oliver Glasner (right)
New head coach: Pierre Sage
Last club managed: Lens (June 2025 – June 2026)

FULHAM
Former coach: Marco Silva
New head coach: Alvaro Arbeloa (right)
Last club managed: Real Madrid (January 2026 - June 2026)

IPSWICH
Former coach: Kieran McKenna
New head coach: Gary O'Neil (right)
Last club managed: Strasbourg (January 2026 - June 2026)



LIVERPOOL
Former coach: Arne Slot
New head coach: Andoni Iraola
Last club managed: Bournemouth (June 2023 – May 2026)

MANCHESTER CITY
Former coach: Pep Guardiola
New head coach: Enzo Maresca
Last club managed: Chelsea (June 2024 – January 2026)

NEWCASTLE
Former coach: Eddie Howe
New head coach: Matthias Jaissle
Last club managed: Al-Ahli (July 2023 – August 2026)

NOTTINGHAM FOREST
Former coach: Vitor Pereira
New head coach: Oliver Glasner
Last club managed: Crystal Palace (February 2024 – June 2026)

LONGEST SERVING MANAGERS:
Mikel Arteta, Arsenal (since December 2019)
Unai Emery, Aston Villa (October 2022)
Daniel Farke, Leeds (July 2023)
Fabian Hurzeler, Brighton (June 2024)
Regis Le Bris, Sunderland (June 2024)
Frank Lampard, Coventry (November 2024)
David Moyes, Everton (January 2025)
Keith Andrews, Brentford (June 2025)
Sergej Jakirovi, Hull (June 2025)
Michael Carrick, Man United (Jan 2026)
Roberto De Zerbi, Tottenham (March 2026)

IT'S GUNNER

Champions are on track to stamp their authority on race

IT ended on May 24 and it starts again tomorrow. The Premier League is back, with champions Arsenal determined to defend their title in a season with no Pep Guardiola and new faces all around – with nine managers starting out with new clubs. JEREMY CROSS sets the scene...

HERE we go again, that roller-coaster ride of emotional ups and downs that is the Premier League season.

One which is expected to see Arsenal take charge once again.

More than two decades passed between titles, but Mikel Arteta's men appear to be taking the London bus approach, and homing in on what would be a couple of them almost at once.

Arteta has the strongest squad in the top flight. And, most important of all, one which now knows how to get the job done.

Just for good measure where the champions are concerned, it is difficult to see where their strongest challengers will come from. Manchester City, Liverpool and Chelsea all face a season of transition, due to having new managers at the helm.

City, in particular, could be facing the heaviest hangover, having waved farewell to the greatest manager of his generation, and perhaps all time, in the shape of Pep Guardiola (below).

Enzo Maresca has replaced him, with City one of nine clubs in this season's Premier League with a new manager at the helm.

Life without Guardiola will prove to be challenging for City.

Andola Iraola will need time to implement his methods at Anfield, while who knows how Xabi Alonso will get on at the madhouse that is Chelsea. If he can instill some discipline and identity, however, Chelsea might just be the ones to push Arsenal to the limit.

Elsewhere, Aston Villa are riding high under Unai Emery, but have sold two of their most influential stars in Youri Tielemans and Morgan Rogers, with a third, Ezri Konsa, set to follow.

I would expect Villa to be challenging for the top four, with Manchester United.

But Michael Carrick faces the challenge of Champions League football, which could expose a squad lacking in quality and depth.

Perhaps United will emerge triumphant in one of the domestic cup competitions.

Tottenham have spent big and now have a capable manager in Roberto De Zerbi, but the pressure to succeed will be unrelenting. Having survived relegation and reaching the FA Cup semi-finals last season, Leeds appear to be on the cusp of establishing themselves.

Daniel Farke has been lavished with some new signings, including future England goalkeeper James Trafford, so could the Yorkshiremen be the surprise package and challenge for a place in Europe?

Brentford will continue to punch above their weight, while Everton must fancy their own chances of doing better than most expect.

When it comes to relegation, it is difficult to look past newcomers Hull and Ipswich.

Fulham could also be in trouble. It is time for the London club to go through the painful realisation of what a great job Marco Silva did at Craven Cottage. His replacement, Alvaro Arbeloa, lasted a few months at Real Madrid and has no experience of managing in the Premier League.

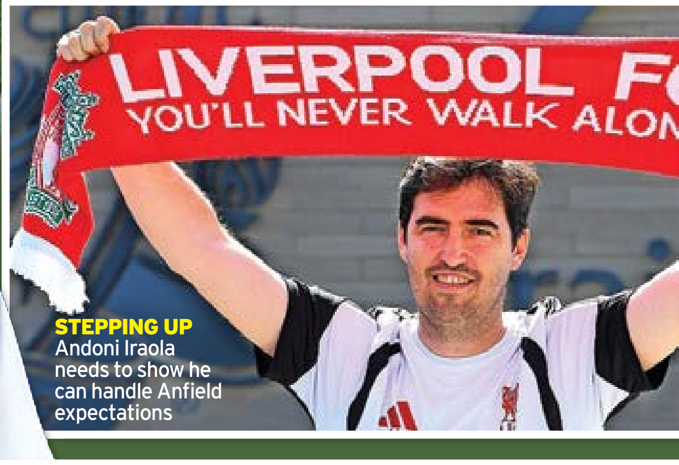
He also has to deal with the loss of Harry Wilson and Raul Jimenez. New additions have been made, but it is hard to see where Fulham will get the goals from to win games.

When it comes to the Golden Boot, look no further than Erling Haaland. Scoring goals is what he does better than anyone.

Martin Odegaard appears rejuvenated and could well go on to become player of the season, but will face stiff competition from Bruno Fernandes, Bukayo Saka and perhaps Rogers (above) at Chelsea.

Max Dowman has the footballing world at his talented feet, and if he gets more game time should become the breakout star.

Paris Saint-Germain will take some dethroning as European champions, but Arsenal have it in them to reach club football's Holy Grail.



STEPPING UP Andoni Iraola needs to show he can handle Anfield expectations

BE A WILD RIDE

for glory after rivals' turbulent summer, but expect twists and turns

READY TO GO AGAIN Mikel Arteta and Arsenal are hungry for more success

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BRIDGE REPAIR Xabi Alonso has a big job at Chelsea while Haaland (left) is again the golden boot favourite

FIRM Refs' chief Webb

Refs get to grips with set pieces

BY **RYAN TAYLOR**

HOWARD WEBB has warned Premier League clubs that referees will be clamping down hard on grappling from corners this season.

Pro Ref (formerly known as PGMOL) chief Webb and Premier League chief football officer Rebecca Caplehorn visited all 20 top-flight clubs ahead of the season to explain the shift.

Players, who were invited to share their views, were shown video clips of incidents from last season and warned they risk conceding penalties if they wrestle without even watching the ball's flight.

Pro Ref are hoping to implement a "firmer view" on holding and are trying to regulate the use of excessive physicality from set plays.

Collectively, there is optimism this will improve the Premier League's general image.

Officials will also be provided with data information packs before games – as has also applied in previous seasons – to familiarise themselves with teams' set-piece routines.

The idea is that referees will now have a better idea of exactly where to focus their attention.

Webb denies this will lead to pre-empting fouls and penalties, because contact still needs to meet certain criteria; it's more a case of officials being better prepared to spot things.

Last season, the Key Match Incidents panel flagged 25 officiating errors. They are set to publish full analytical reviews for transparency.

Of those 25 blunders, 22 were missed interventions while the other three were cases where the VAR officials should not have got involved.

Pro Ref have also implemented leniency regarding hair-pulling.

Last season, any tug of an opponent's hair resulted in a red card.

This time around, officials will get the chance to interpret the use of force before making their decision.

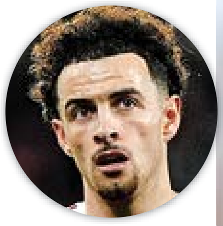
Inter return in hunt for Jones

BY **PAUL GORST**

LIVERPOOL have resumed talks with Inter Milan for Curtis Jones over a potential deal worth £30m.

The Italian giants have tracked Jones (below) all summer and have seen a handful of bids turned down by the Reds, who have been seeking closer to £35m for the 25-year-old.

Inter had an offer of around £21m rejected in June and it was thought at the time that negotiations were over, given the considerable difference in valuation.



However, Inter have returned with an improved offer.

Just last month new head coach Andoni Iraola had spoken about his hope of tying Jones down to a contract extension, with the midfielder having just one year left on his current deal.

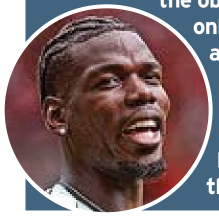
POGBA IS FREE TO START AGAIN

FORMER Manchester United midfielder Paul Pogba has left Monaco by mutual consent.

The 2018 World Cup winner with France linked up with the Ligue 1 side last summer, having seen a four-year doping ban reduced to 18 months following an appeal.

Pogba (below), 33, played his first match in two years when Monaco beat Rennes in November, but only made five further appearances and has now left the principality.

A club statement read: "Having jointly concluded that the objectives were only partially achieved, AS Monaco and Paul Pogba have decided to bring an end to the contract."

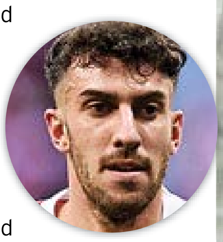


Villans land a double delight

ASTON VILLA have completed the signings of goalkeeper Zion Suzuki and left-back Matteo Ruggeri.

Japan international Suzuki, 23, joins on a permanent deal from Parma having spent the last two seasons in Serie A, and his signing throws the future of current No.1 Emi Martinez into doubt.

Born in the United States before growing up in Urawa, Suzuki made his debut for Urawa Red Diamonds aged 18 and has been capped 22 times.



Italian Ruggeri (right), 24, also arrives on a permanent deal from Atletico Madrid following the departure of Lucas Digne to Paris St-Germain.

The full-back graduated from the Atalanta academy and is yet to be capped internationally.

Coventry were one of the founding members of the Premier League in 1992. Now they are back after an absence of 25 years. This is their record

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	Final Pos
1992-93	42	13	13	16	52	57	-5	52	15
1993-94	42	14	14	14	43	45	-2	56	11
1994-95	42	12	14	16	44	62	-18	50	16
1995-96	38	8	14	16	42	60	-18	38	16
1996-97	38	9	14	15	38	54	-16	41	17
1997-98	38	12	16	10	46	44	2	52	11
1998-99	38	11	9	18	39	51	-12	42	15
1999-00	38	12	8	18	47	54	-7	44	14
2000-01	38	8	10	20	36	63	-27	34	19

LAMPS IN PREM

Team	G	W	D	L	GF	GA	W%
Chelsea (1st spell)	84	44	17	23	163	106	52.4%
Everton	44	12	8	24	43	71	27.3%
Chelsea (2nd spell)	11	1	2	8	9	21	9.1%
Total	139	57	27	55	215	198	41.0%

CHELSEA BLUES
Lampard suffers on his Stamford Bridge return

GAME FOR A LAUGH
Lampard shares a joke with Gustavo Hamer in pre-season

ARSENAL v COVENTRY

Premier League: Tomorrow, 8pm, Sky Sports

BY **BRIAN DICK**

THE EYES of the football world will be on the Emirates tomorrow night for the season's curtain-raiser – as Arsenal, the defending Premier League champions, meet newly-promoted Coventry.

The Sky Blues are back in the top flight for the first time in a quarter of a century.

And, as they celebrate this moment, their manager will be ending his own, rather shorter, absence from English football's top table.

Frank Lampard takes charge of his first Premier League match in three years.

Lampard left nothing to prove in his magnificent playing career.

But it is fair to say his last Premier League match as a manager saw him end his time in interim charge of Chelsea – his second spell at the helm – with a 1-1 draw against Newcastle, a record of just one win in 11 games, and with questions being asked.

For Sky Blues fans, the 48-year-old has answered many of those in the last 18 months. They are back, having been the cream of the Championship last season.

And Lampard says he returns to a competition he won three times with Chelsea as a player in a better place.

"The second spell at Chelsea wasn't great for me from a PR point, when you look at it, but it was great for me from a personal point of view," said Lampard.

"But going back there was an understanding of situations at a football club where the balance isn't right, the mentality isn't right and all those things, the little things that have to be right, standards and all those things.

"It was very difficult in a short period of time to make any impact there, but I could go away and sort of see that. I kind of knew it anyway, but I lived it for seven weeks there.

"Since then, probably I'll just reflect back on my whole managerial career and say I try and be better every day at what I do.

"I try and be better at the tactical side, try and be clearer with the players in any way possible I can, and also try and get my life balance to be as good as it can be.

"That's a challenge. We can all pretend that we are robots, but in the modern day it's hard to be that robot and not see or hear anything.

"But having been through the challenges for good and for bad in my managerial career, I think it puts me in a better spot to deal with... don't get too high, don't get too low, continue to focus on your job, and I'm better at that than I was previously."

Lampard cuts a relaxed figure, pleased with how the Sky Blues have reinforced in the transfer market, with seven new signings, and is

REACH FOR THE SKY BLUES

Lamps aiming to light up top flight again

looking forward to seeing the club back in the big time.

He said: "Of course I'm very excited to be here and get a club that's been out of the Premier League for 25 years back in the Premier League. It's exciting at this moment, but we want to challenge, we want to do well.

"Compete in every game we play, take every game as it comes. It's a cliche, but it's also a reality of not getting too far ahead of ourselves.

"I have experience of the Premier League as well as working in the Championship, so I'll try and get that across to the players as well.

"But I want them to go in with a lot of belief. There's hopefully a good energy about players that haven't played at this level that are desperate to play and deserve to be here.

"I think that's a good energy for us which we have to tap into. I think everyone should feel the same and it starts at Arsenal – you can't start with a harder place to go."

Konsa for Gunners

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deadline in time for Konsa to feature in their Premier League opener against Coventry City tomorrow night, though his fitness still requires work anyway after Unai Emery gave him four weeks off.

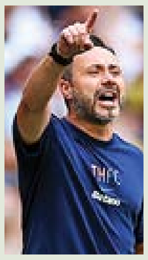
That means there is a chance Konsa, providing he passes his medical, could make his Arsenal debut at Villa Park – the ground he has called home for seven seasons – on August 31.

Mikel Arteta (circle) has been absolutely set on signing the 28-year-old, who was his top defensive target despite interest in various other centre-backs including Jarell Quansah, Cristian Romero and free agent John Stones.

Konsa can also play at right-back and is viewed as a plug-and-play signing, much like Bruno Guimaraes, that bolsters Arsenal's depth in the absence of William Saliba, who has a long-term back issue.

The Gunners initially made a £30m approach for Konsa earlier this summer which was immediately dismissed before returning to the table last week.

Konsa made it clear he was determined to pursue the opportunity to return to London, where he previously played for Brentford and Charlton Athletic.



Double swoop on City

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the pecking order at the Etihad and was not in the squad for the 3-0 Community Shield loss to Arsenal.

City are pushing for a package which could rise to £85m to part ways with the 22-year-old Brazilian.

Spurs boss Roberto De Zerbi (above) also wants to add Marmoush to his attack just 18 months on from the Egyptian's £63.2m move to City.

The 27-year-old made a flying start to his City career, but made just eight starts in the Premier League last season when he was used largely as a back-up centre-forward to Erling Haaland.

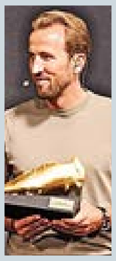
Marmoush has grown frustrated by his lack of playing time and is open to a move, but City want to at least claw back what they paid Eintracht Frankfurt in January last year and will argue he now comes with Premier League experience.

Spurs have already splashed more than £220m on Sandro Tonali, Mateus Fernandes and Jan Paul van Hecke, among others.

De Zerbi is still keen on Liverpool forward Cody Gakpo – even if Savinho and Marmoush sign on.

City boss Enzo Maresca has admitted that Marmoush has a decision to make on his future, given his limited playing time.

'I'm NOT coming home'



BY **CONNOR O'NEILL**

HARRY KANE has admitted he no longer has the urge to return to the Premier League.

Kane has entered the final year of his contract with Bayern Munich, who are aware of interest in the England captain from other clubs.

The 33-year-old ex-Tottenham striker scored 61 goals in 51 appearances in all competitions last season, as Vincent Kompany's side completed a league and cup double.

And speaking after receiving the European Golden Shoe (above), Kane revealed he is loving life in Germany and no longer has the itch to return to the Premier League.

He said: "When I first left, for sure it was something that I thought I'd definitely be coming back.

"That itch isn't there as much any more.

"I'm extremely happy here in Munich. It's opened my eyes to a totally different world of football outside of England. It's made me appreciate European football even more.

"With the team we have here, with the manager. My family are really settled here. It's just about beisng in the best place possible.

"I never say never but, for now, I'm concentrating on Bayern Munich and we'll see what the future holds."

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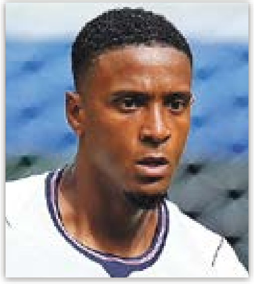

Konsa for Gunners

BY **RYAN TAYLOR**

EZRI KONSA is set to undergo a medical at Arsenal after the Gunners struck a deal worth in the region of £50million plus bonuses for the England international.

Aston Villa's Konsa (above), a boyhood Tottenham supporter, pushed for the move following an extended break after the World Cup despite having a new lucrative contract on the table in the Midlands.

Arsenal are not expected to beat today's 12pm registration four

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United are Balebas

BY **STEVEN RAILSTON**

MANCHESTER UNITED are nearing full agreement with Brighton to sign Carlos Baleba.

United have made a bid of around £60million, plus £5m in add-ons, to sign the midfielder.

The Reds were keen on Baleba last summer, but Brighton's valuation in excess of £100m cooled their interest.

United have a five-year contract ready for the Cameroonian (above) to sign when the deal is concluded with Baleba

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SHOCK DOUBLE SWOOP ON ETIHAD

DE ZERBI £150M CITY RAID

Marmoush & Savinho in talks to join Tottenham

BY **DARREN WELLS**

TOTTENHAM are in talks with Manchester City over an audacious double swoop for Savinho and Omar Marmoush which could cost £150million.

Spurs had already enquired about the prospect of signing Savinho last year and again this summer, and negotiations have remained ongoing.

City did not want to let the winger go last season, but are now open to selling him after he has fallen down

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MOVERS AND SHAKERS
Marmoush and Savinho could join De Zerbi (left) and his Spurs project

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SKIPPER ROOT ENJOYS HIS SUMMER OLLIE DAYS

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PUZZLES

DAILY BRAIN WORKOUT!

QUIZWORD & CROSSWORD

Two sets of clues, two different answers - all on the same grid. Choose one or the other.

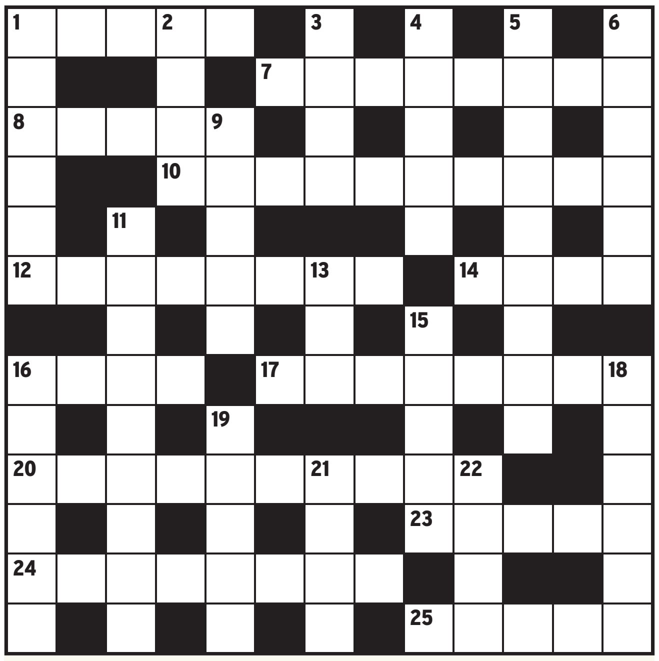
QUIZWORD

ACROSS

1 **See 22 Down**
7 Four-wheeled horse-drawn closed carriage with a raised open driver's seat in front (8)
8 General Tom –, 19th-century circus performer born Charles Sherwood Stratton (5)
10 Large shrub whose fruit is the sloe (10)
12 Benjamin –, 18th-century American statesman and scientist whose inventions include a lightning rod (8)
14 1939-49 BBC Radio comedy programme starring Tommy Handley (inits)
16 Ada –, owner of Cold Comfort Farm in the 1932 novel of that name by Stella Gibbons (4)
17 City in Osaka, Japan, northeast of Moriguchi housing a campus of Setsunan University (8)
20 **See 5 Down**
23 Emma –, Best Actress in a Leading Role Oscar winner for La La Land (5)
24 **See 1 Down**
25 Town in Mendip, Somerset; birthplace of 2009 Formula 1 World Championship winner Jenson Button (5)

DOWN

1 and 24 Across 2018 action film starring Bruce Willis and Cole Hauser (4,2,8)
2 Larry –, actor who played Archie Mitchell in BBC TV soap EastEnders (4)
3 and 19 Comedian and writer who authored 2005 memoir If I Don't Write It, Nobody Else Will (4,5)
4 Capital of Ecuador (5)
5 and 20 Across 1976 film Western directed by and starring Clint Eastwood in the title role (3,6,5,5)
6 and 9 US actress who played Peach Lips in 1953 musical-drama film Lili (6,5)
9 **See 6 Down**
11 1922 novel by D H Lawrence (6,3)
13 1983 novel by Ed McBain (3)
15 Henry –, author of novels The Aspern Papers and Roderick Hudson (5)
16 2006 action film starring Denzel Washington and Paula Patton (4,2)
18 Department of southern France; capital Foix (6)
19 **See 3 Down**
21 Jorge –, 2011-12 WBO Bantamweight champion (4)
22 and 1 Across Tropical American tree with smooth-skinned edible greenish-purple fruit (4,5)



CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Shatter (5)
7 Quarrel (8)
8 Football supporter's item (5)
10 Deceitful or dishonest (10)
12 Demote (8)
14 Body powder (4)
16 Explosive device (4)
17 Without dividing walls (4-4)
20 Surprising or unforeseen (10)
23 Treatment centre, in short (5)
24 Star sign (8)
25 Misses out (5)

DOWN

1 Female relative (6)
2 Ride on the top of waves (4)
3 Asian language (4)
4 Line of people (5)
5 For the most part (9)
6 Stationary (6)
9 Amphibians with long hind legs (5)
11 Climb awkwardly (7,2)
13 Faucet (3)
15 Bury (5)
16 Cruel or vicious (6)
18 Rain-bearing cloud (6)
19 Musical drama (5)
21 Close friend (4)
22 Floor of a ship (4)

Answers in tomorrow's Daily Mirror. Can't wait? Check the solutions now! To hear FULL SOLUTIONS and 5 EXTRA CLUES call **0905 789 0001** (80p/min) for the **QUIZWORD** or **0905 789 0002** (80p/min) for the **CROSSWORD**. Or text **QUIZCLUE** or **CROSSCLUE** to **64343** (£1/text) for 5 clues.

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BEGINNER 8	+7	×4	-19	Reverse the digits	6/7 of this	+58	50% of this	-8	ANSWER
INTERMEDIATE 77	×4	-74	7/9 of this	+46	5/6 of this	-46	Take the square root	+159	ANSWER
ADVANCED 168	+348	7/12 of this	-45	Take the square root	+63	×7	+55	5/8 of this	ANSWER

MIRROR GRAM

B	I	T	E	S	T	U	T	U	S

Solve our ten-letter anagram. **Solutions in tomorrow's Daily Mirror**

TWO-SPEED COFFEEBREAK

Two sets of clues - but the answers are the same.

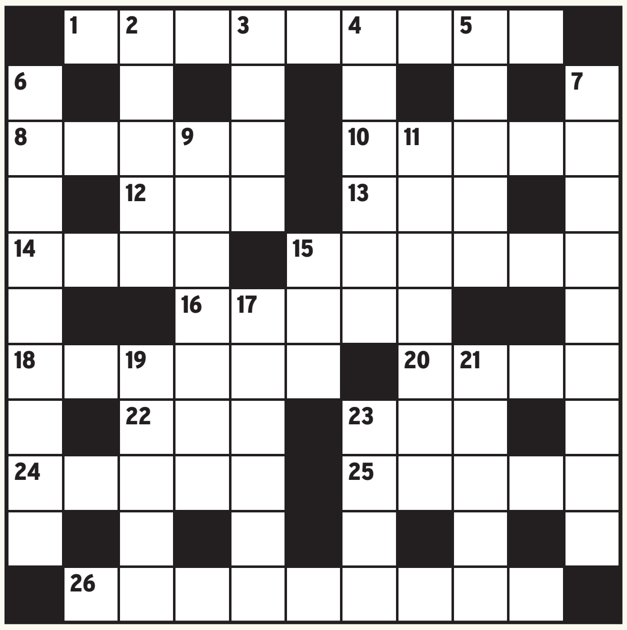
CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

1 Eat fairly badly in story (5,4)
8 Sailor takes poem home (5)
10 Hear criticism of entertainment (5)
12 Guided by small light (3)
13 Plural is in shares (3)
14 Fulfil mission with coating (4)
15 Loved to bother socialist (6)
16 Stops, removes top and relaxes (5)
18 Look for different arches (6)
20 Lied about being lazy (4)
22 Thus sounds ill (3)
23 Neither out of ignorance (3)
24 Chosen the Spanish tie design (5)
25 Energy can't improve play (5)
26 Quantity noticed around incident (9)

DOWN

2 A charge to see ring-shaped island (5)
3 Regretted sounding impolite (4)
4 Deal with one outburst (6)
5 Delivery includes organ (5)
6 Clumsy Ma shifted awkwardly (3-6)
7 Improved a dad, these ties (4,5)
9 Notes deserve a black mark (7)
11 Cultivating osier - no natural process (7)
15 Lashed around tree (3)
17 Endorse account by journalist, to a point (6)
19 Whisper to a team (5)
21 Suspend new padre (5)
23 Following from main exterior (4)



QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

1 Children's story (5,4)
8 Dwelling (5)
10 Sketch show (5)
12 Went ahead (3)
13 Plural of is (3)
14 Movie (4)
15 Cherished (6)
16 Relieves (5)
18 Hunt (6)
20 Unoccupied (4)
22 Like this (3)
23 And not (3)
24 Exclusive (5)
25 Make law (5)
26 Number (9)

DOWN

2 Coral reef (5)
3 Felt remorse (4)
4 Angry speech (6)
5 Body part (5)
6 Incompetent (3-6)
7 Draws (4,5)
9 Disadvantage (7)
11 Wearing away (7)
15 Burnt matter (3)
17 Agree to (6)
19 Theatrical device (5)
21 Hang (5)
23 Subsequent (4)

Answers in tomorrow's Daily Mirror. Can't wait? Check the solutions now! TWO-SPEED COFFEEBREAK **0905 789 0003** (80p/min).

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THE NAME GAME

Hidden in the grid is the name of an actor. Answer the questions, then rearrange the letters corresponding to your answers to fill in the name. **Solutions in tomorrow's Daily Mirror**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

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BOX1: What is the meaning of the phrase 'cry wolf'?
To dominate (T)
Give a false alarm (K)
Scavenge (P)

BOX2: Glenbogle was a fictional estate in which TV drama?
To the Manor Born (S)
Monarch of the Glen (C)
Upstairs Downstairs (P)

BOX3: How many times did the actress Lana Turner marry?
Six (C)
Eight (V)
Ten (M)

BOX4: In which US state is the presidential retreat Camp David located?
Washington (J)
Massachusetts (K)
Maryland (I)

BOX5: How many extant species of camel are there?
Two (O)
Three (E)
Four (G)

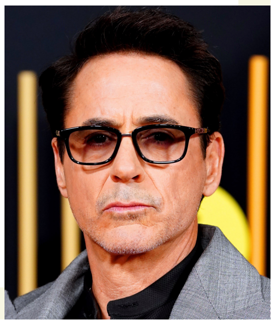
BOX6: Which event makes up the swimming discipline in a modern pentathlon competition?
200m breaststroke (J)
200m butterfly (S)
200m freestyle (O)

BOX7: What type of musical instrument is a daegeum?
A ceramic ocarina (Q)
A tin whistle (E)
A bamboo flute (N)

BOX8: What is the name of Zooey and Emily Deschanel's cinematographer father?
Christopher Deschanel (P)
Caleb Deschanel (A)
Clive Deschanel (L)

BOX9: Tauranga is the sixth-largest urban area in which country?
New Zealand (N)
South Africa (R)
Brazil (O)

BOX10: Robert Downey Jr (pictured) played real-life US government official Lewis Strauss in which 2023 drama film?
Oppenheimer (B)
Maestro (U)
Killers of the Flower Moon (V)



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A B C D E F G H I J K ~~L~~ M N ~~O~~ ~~P~~ Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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									P	L		
14	**15**	**16**	**17**	**18**	**19**	**20**	**21**	**22**	**23**	**24**	**25**	**26**
						O						

6	5	14	12	2	5	9	21	■	24	16	9	5
5	■	■	9	■	14	■	8	■	2	■	■	9
24	■	■	8	■	14	■	23	24	16	18	18	3
2	8	23	24	20	17	8	14	■	25	■	■	6
7	■	14	■	■	16	■	16	■	■	21	■	20
■	19	16	8	24	7	■	23	2	17	7	1	21
7	■	17	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	18	■	3
11 L	5	15	8	23	2	■	26	20	12	7	17	■
20 O	■	3	■	■	5	■	8	■	■	14	■	13
10 P	■	■	10	■	15	7	9	21	7	24	24	5
8	13	6	8	6	7	■	22	■	22	■	■	8
9	■	■	11	■	9	■	7	■	8	■	■	4
25	5	4	7	■	23	7	21	5	24	8	15	7

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JUST A BIT OF FUN

Which one of our three definitions is correct?

PAREGORIC

① Medicine that soothes pain

② Disinfectant

③ A mysterious preparation

Solutions in tomorrow's Daily Mirror

Scribble pad

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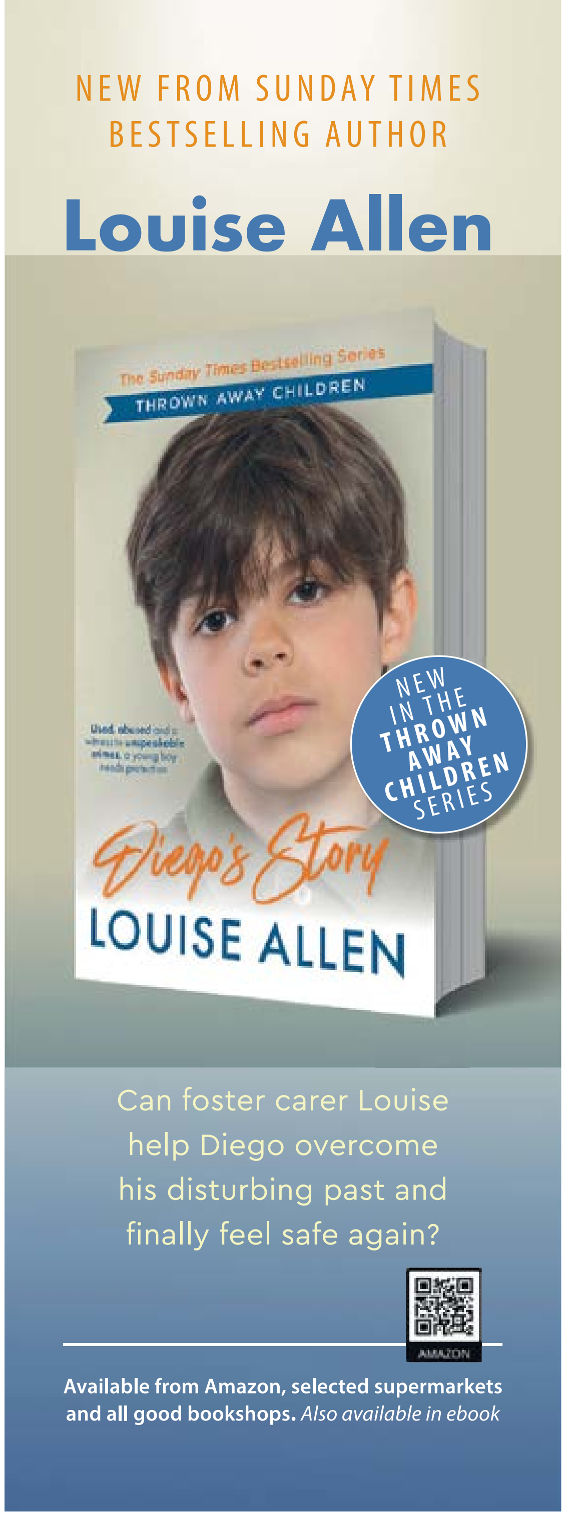
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ARROW WORD

Arrow Words are like crosswords, but the clues are printed inside squares on the grid. Write your answers in the blank squares in the direction indicated by the arrows. **Solutions in tomorrow's Daily Mirror**

Samuel _, pictured Mend		Indian dress		US sitcom about six people		Fifty per cent		Caravan for travelling around in		Drove backwards					
						That's _, Dean Martin song									
Long decisive step		Uncooked		Unwell Who _ Wins, motto				A Night at the _, Queen album		Thick rope					
						Power									
Towards a higher point	Makes ready		As well Letters from A to Z				Fruit type Head protector								
						Basil, parsley, etc. Agent									
Retains		Smaller or inferior							Sheltered side Toy (2-2)				Karate expert _ cassette recorder		Gets closer to
					Took part in a game Hiatus							Denise _ Outen, pictured			
_ Canal, Central American waterway		_ Batty, Kathy Staff role		Place to work out				Snatches		Shallow round dish	Monetary penalty				
						African country Beer						TV's Murder She _		Continent with the most people	
Steal from Brimless cap				Guard's round							Be clothed in Compare				
					Baddie in a book or film		Snake, e.g.		From one side to the other						
Was seated				Doing word					Also				Inborn		Dormant
				Lose one's balance		Vitally important									
								Always	In good order	Cardinal number				Posh school	
				Indigenous		Male singing voice						Open-meshed material			
										Semi-precious stone					
				Place inside		Jumps vigorously						Unit of weight			
										English river					

SU-DOKU CORNER

EASY SU-DOKU

		2		5		7		6
9		5		2	8		4	
1	4		7		3			2
		7			5			
2	5			8			1	7
		8				9	3	
5			8		7			1
	2		5					8
7		4		6		3	5	

The rules for Su-doku couldn't be easier. All you have to do is fill the empty squares so that each row, column and 3x3 block contains all the numbers 1 to 9.

SU-DOKU TOUGHIE

				4			6	
1		6						5
		5	9	8				
6	2							
			7			6		9
8			1	6		2		
	9					5	3	
	8	1			9			
			3		4		8	

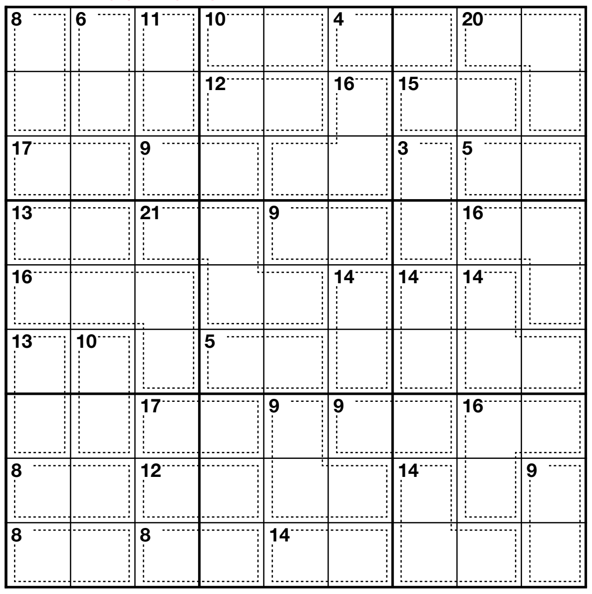
The rules for Su-doku are easy, but this one's a toughie! Each number from 1 to 9 must appear only once in each horizontal and vertical line, and only once in each 3x3 grid.

Solutions in tomorrow's Daily Mirror

CHECK THE SOLUTIONS NOW!

To hear 5 NUMBER CLUES or FULL SOLUTIONS call **0905 789 0004** (80p/min + network access charge) for the **EASY SU-DOKU** or **0905 789 0005** (80p/min + network access charge) for the **SU-DOKU TOUGHIE**. Or text **EASYCLUE** or **TOUGHCLUE** to **64343** (£1/text + std rate message) for **5 CLUES**.

KILLER SU-DOKU



Killer Su-doku is based on the traditional grid and every column, row and 3x3 box must contain the digits 1 to 9. But the dotted squares must be filled with numbers that add up to that in the left corner. Solutions in tomorrow's Daily Mirror

BRICKWORK

Enter the solutions to the clues in their numbered layers of the wall. Each word must be an anagram of its neighbours, plus or minus one letter.

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1	☐☐☐	Scrap
2	☐☐☐☐	Equipment
3	☐☐☐☐☐	Elegance
4	☐☐☐☐☐☐	Accuse
5	☐☐☐☐☐	Attain
6	☐☐☐☐	Tea, informally
7	☐☐☐	Bow

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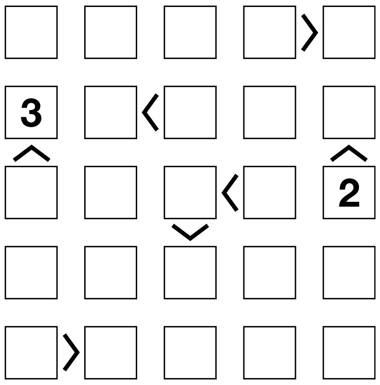

Fit the numbers 1 to 5 in each row and each column, making sure that no number is repeated. The only symbols to guide you are the 'greater than' (>) and 'less than' (<) signs.

Solutions in tomorrow's Daily Mirror

WORD LADDER

EASY

Compass point

Time gone by

Role

Male deer

Listen attentively

HARD

Using the clues provided, fill in each step of the ladder with a new word, changing one letter at a time.

Solutions in tomorrow's Daily Mirror

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WORDSEARCH

Can you find all the listed items of laboratory equipment in the grid?

Y	S	B	P	L	B	T	L	E	N	N	U	F	S	Y
T	R	X	U	H	F	G	O	L	R	F	U	Z	D	R
X	E	G	R	R	L	G	A	W	Y	P	P	R	E	Z
S	P	O	F	F	N	V	S	F	E	E	A	K	S	O
J	P	G	V	L	P	E	X	G	T	L	A	X	C	C
H	O	G	R	P	W	P	R	R	N	E	S	N	P	L
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E	K	S	U	X	I	W	E	M	E	W	P	I	R	C
B	H	W	J	S	B	S	S	L	O	X	H	Z	E	I
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BEAKER
BOTTLE
BURNER
CHEMICAL
FLASK
FUNNEL
GOGGLES
PETRI DISH
PIPETTE
RACK
RULER
SPATULA
STOPPERS
TEST TUBE
THERMOMETER
TONGS
TOWELS
WORKBENCH

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

QUIZWORD

ACROSS: 3 Blackball, 8 Arad, 9 New Haven, 10 Ankara, 13 Handl, 14 Dettori, 15 Kay, 16 The Land, 17 Girls, 21 Adrian, 22 Shanghai, 23 Knee, 24 Sixth Seal.

DOWN: 1 Yamashita, 2 Falkender, 4 Lynam, 5 Cowdrey, 6 Baal, 7 Loeb, 11 Four Lions, 12 Kiesinger, 14 Dad, 15 Knights, 18 Naira, 19 Thai, 20 Knot.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 3 Youngster, 8 Root, 9 Entitles, 10 Hidden, 13 Totem, 14 Antique, 15 Jig, 16 Problem, 17 Piano, 21 Linear, 22 Well-to-do, 23 Perm, 24 Craftsmen.

DOWN: 1 Archetype, 2 Toadstool, 4 Ovens, 5 Nothing, 6 Sits, 7 Eden, 11 Square leg, 12 Aerodrome, 14 Aim, 15 Jealous, 18 Slope, 19 Gear, 20 Clef.

TWO-SPEED COFFEEBREAK

ACROSS: 1 Awry, 4 Rule, 6 Alto, 8 Edam, 11 Arch, 13 Somalia, 14 Ego, 16 Miser, 18 Bland, 21 Talon, 22 Onset, 24 Opt, 25 Persist, 28 Iron, 30 Acer, 31 Eton, 32 Need, 33 Oslo.

DOWN: 1 Apes, 2 Roam, 3 Claim, 4 Roc, 5 Echo, 7 Trait, 9 Dollop, 10 Mains, 12 Heel, 15 Grouse, 17 Salsa, 19 Anti, 20 Depot, 23 Tenor, 24 Open, 26 Ices, 27 Trio, 29 Red.

NAME GAME

GOODFELLAS

1F, 2L, 3L, 4G, 5S, 6O, 7A, 8E, 9O, 10D.

30-SEC BRAIN TEASER

Beginner 44, Intermediate 276, Advanced 192.

MIRRORGRAM

ROLY-POLIES

JUST A BIT OF FUN

2 Having no ribs

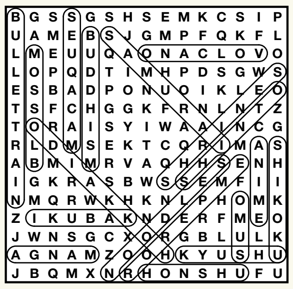
WORD LADDER

Land, Lend, Wend, Weld, Well, Will, Fill

BRICKWORK

Ole, Lone, Lemon, Solemn, Omens, Eons, Son.

WORDSEARCH



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TUESDAY'S SPEEDBREAKER

1=N, 2=W, 3=A, 4=Q, 5=M, 6=E, 7=R, 8=V, 9=S, 10=I, 11=L, 12=O, 13=T, 14=D, 15=Z, 16=H, 17=C, 18=P, 19=F, 20=Y, 21=J, 22=U, 23=B, 24=K, 25=X, 26=G.

EASY SU-DOKU

1	9	4	3	8	7	5	2	6
8	2	3	6	4	5	9	1	7
6	5	7	2	1	9	8	3	4
2	1	5	7	6	4	3	8	9
4	7	9	1	3	8	2	6	5
3	6	8	5	9	2	7	4	1
9	4	6	8	5	3	1	7	2
7	3	1	9	2	6	4	5	8
5	8	2	4	7	1	6	9	3

SU-DOKU TOUGHIE

8	6	7	4	3	1	5	2	9
3	1	4	2	5	9	6	8	7
9	2	5	8	6	7	4	3	1
4	5	3	7	9	2	8	1	6
6	9	2	1	8	3	7	5	4
1	7	8	6	4	5	3	9	2
2	4	1	5	7	8	9	6	3
5	3	6	9	1	4	2	7	8
7	8	9	3	2	6	1	4	5

KILLER SU-DOKU

2	7	6	8	5	1	9	4	3
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9	8	4	3	2	6	1	5	7
7	4	9	2	6	8	3	1	5
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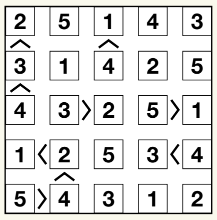

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1	2	5	3	4
5	4	3	1	2

ARROW WORD

	S		Z		B		H		B		W				
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				A	S	P	S		E	V	E		T	E	D

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Solutions in tomorrow's Daily Mirror

Check the solutions now! Call 0905 789 0011 (80p/min) for 6 extra letters or the full solution, or text BEATCLUE to 64343 (£1/text) for 6 extra letters. Deduct three minutes from the target time for each clue letter heard.

A B C ~~D~~ E F G ~~H~~ I J K L M N O P Q R S T U ~~V~~ W X Y Z

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38	28	37	29	39	12	23	13	2	5	25	29	8
8	18	28	22	34	23	36	7	30	12	39	34	3
26	6	23	34	35	27	6	22	29	15	11	22	33
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14	22	25	3	29	12	27	4	11	12	9	22	1
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13	3	15	7	20	26	34	17	2	5	16	32	22
2	6	22	19	32	33	10	22	13	33	38	18	12
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6	32	34	10	20	39	35	21	37	1	40	22	4
39	24	21	4	25	6	18	5	2	20	22	33	35

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		■					H									■			
21	**22**	**23**	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30**	**31**	**32**	**33**	**34**	**35**	**36**	**37**	**38**	**39**	**40**
							V					D							

SUDOKU X

Put the numbers 1 to 9 once in each row, column, diagonal (highlighted to form an X) and 3x3 box (ruled).

Solutions in tomorrow's Daily Mirror

	7		3		1		6	
		3				7		
			8		7			
9				4				2
2		4		1		9		7
	8		9		4		5	
				3				
	9						3	

NUMBER GAMES

NUMBER JIG

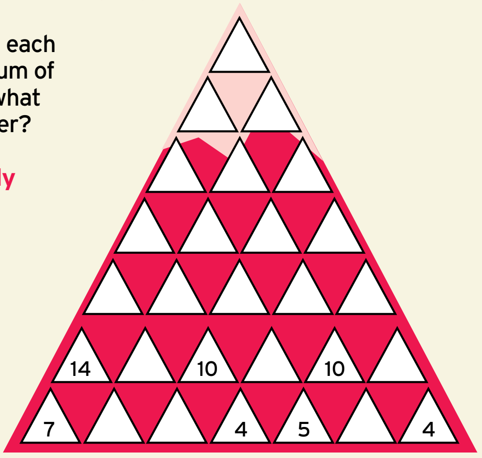
Which one of the listed numbers won't fit in this mini grid? Solutions in tomorrow's Daily Mirror

1684
4481
4816
6841
8414

	■		■
	■	8	■

SUPER SUMMIT

If the number in each triangle is the sum of the two below, what is the top number? Solutions in tomorrow's Daily Mirror


14
10
10
7
4
5
4

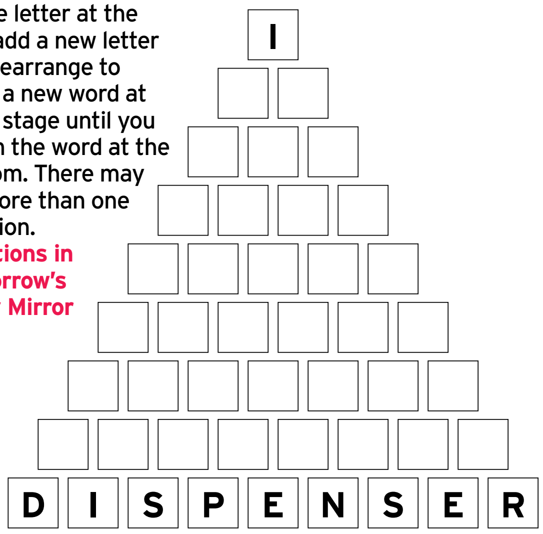
SEQUENCE

What is the next number in the sequence? Solutions in tomorrow's Daily Mirror

5203 → 1299 → 323 → 79 →

PYRAMID

Starting with the single letter at the top, add a new letter and rearrange to form a new word at each stage until you reach the word at the bottom. There may be more than one solution. Solutions in tomorrow's Daily Mirror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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

THE ALPHABEATER

ACROSS: Event, Horizon, Queen, Ashamedly, Chum, Rake, Lumbago, Vast, Fibs, Displayed, Offal, Alleged, Owing.

DOWN: Curved, Vouch, Idly, Multiplex, Tuna, Skim, Jaded, Polar, Apse, Dojo, Fireproof, Wool, Brawn, Yields.

PYRAMID

One way is o, or, ore, tore, store, stereo, restore, restored, destroyer.

NUMBER JIG

2152

SUPER SUMMIT

289

SEQUENCE

1218 (x3, -6)

SUDOKU X

4	2	9	1	3	7	8	5	6
3	6	1	5	8	2	4	9	7
5	7	8	4	9	6	1	3	2
7	9	6	2	1	3	5	4	8
1	4	3	6	5	8	2	7	9
8	5	2	7	4	9	3	6	1
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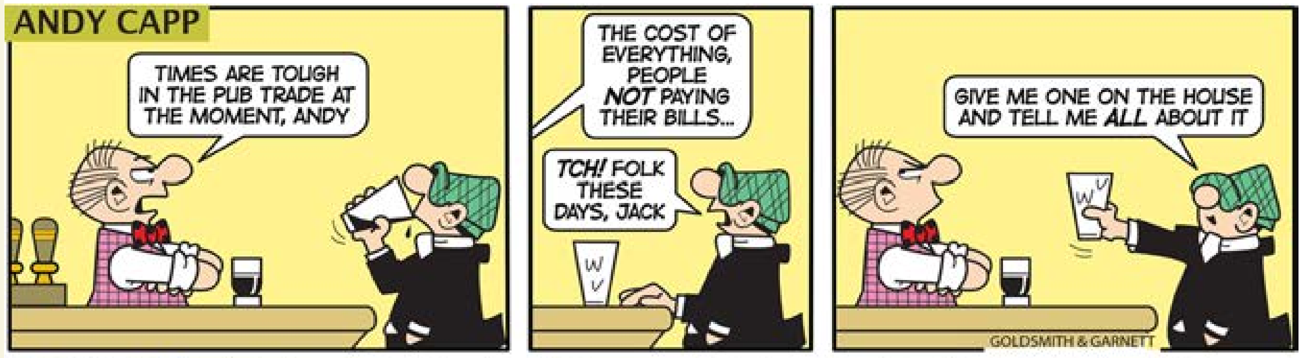
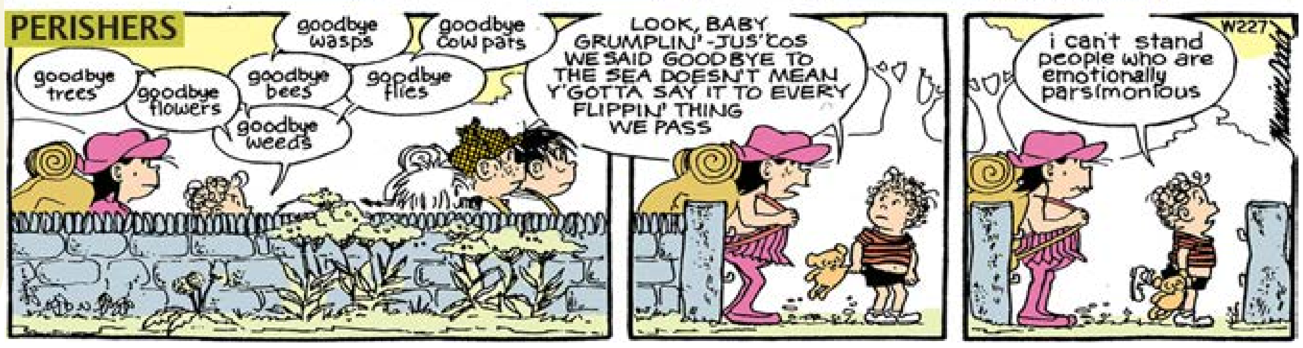
CARTOONS


ANDY CAPP
TIMES ARE TOUGH IN THE PUB TRADE AT THE MOMENT, ANDY
THE COST OF EVERYTHING, PEOPLE NOT PAYING THEIR BILLS...
TCH! FOLK THESE DAYS, JACK
GIVE ME ONE ON THE HOUSE AND TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT
GOLDSMITH & GARNETT


PERISHERS
goodbye trees
goodbye flowers
goodbye wasps
goodbye bees
goodbye weeds
goodbye cow pats
goodbye flies
LOOK, BABY GRUMPLIN' - JUS' COS WE SAID GOODBYE TO THE SEA DOESN'T MEAN Y'GOTTA SAY IT TO EVERY FLIPPIN' THING WE PASS
i can't stand people who are emotionally parsimonious
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WORDSEARCH

Can you find all the listed items in the grid? Words may read forwards or backwards, horizontally, vertically or diagonally.

ANIMAL YOUNG

B	V	F	S	E	D	P	I	G	L	E	T	E	Q	W	H	E	L	P
O	B	Z	D	I	F	T	J	N	J	A	G	S	K	Y	T	F	X	E
F	O	T	K	L	T	T	L	R	P	Y	E	W	L	N	H	O	H	N
D	A	B	T	E	S	C	Y	G	N	E	T	S	D	F	L	A	M	B
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G	E	P	I	T	C	V	O	C	R	I	A	S	O	F	Q	V	I	V
F	O	G	T	T	U	J	U	R	O	S	F	P	Q	P	R	O	M	L
X	N	S	C	R	B	H	O	G	L	E	T	A	K	U	B	X	H	T
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D	I	O	E	C	N	M	F	M	F	Y	C	Z	L	F	E	C	E	W
N	G	H	I	C	U	G	O	I	I	F	X	R	B	A	U	L	F	C
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C	C	H	S	A	F	C	Z	R	R	K	R	C	K	T	E	V	S	P
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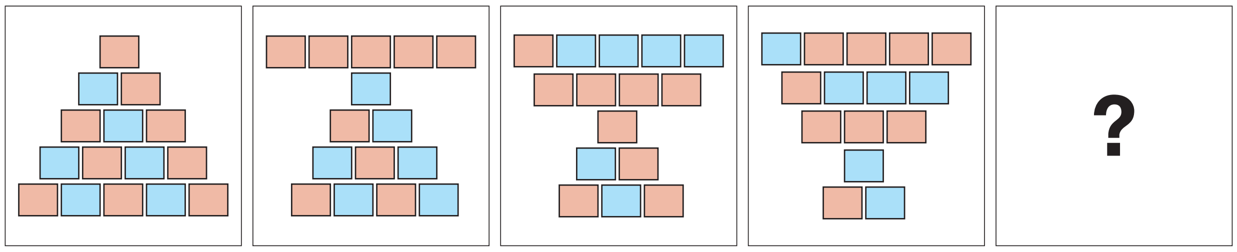
Z	A	X	H	A	U	F	U	X	Z	O	W	L	E	T	O	F	S	X

CALF
CHICK
CRIA
CUB
CYGNET
EFT
ELVER
FAWN
FOAL
FRY
GOSLING
HATCHLING
HOGLET
JOEY
KID
KIT
LAMB
LARVA
LEVERET
MAGGOT
NESTLING
NYMPH
OWLET
PARR
PIGLET
PUP
SPAT
SQUAB
TADPOLE
WHELP

PATTERN MAKER

Which one of the numbered squares on the bottom row should replace the question mark to follow the logical pattern in this sequence?



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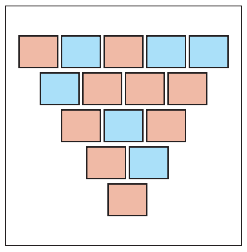

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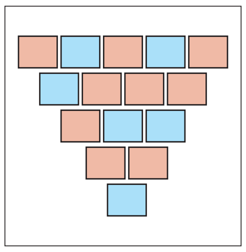

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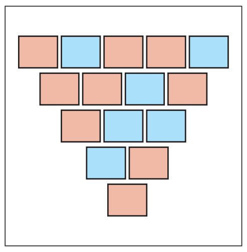

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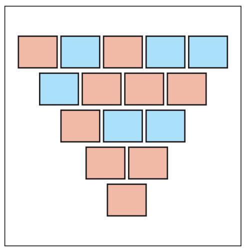

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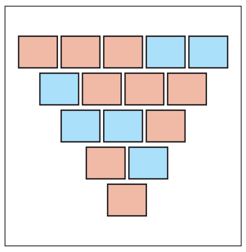
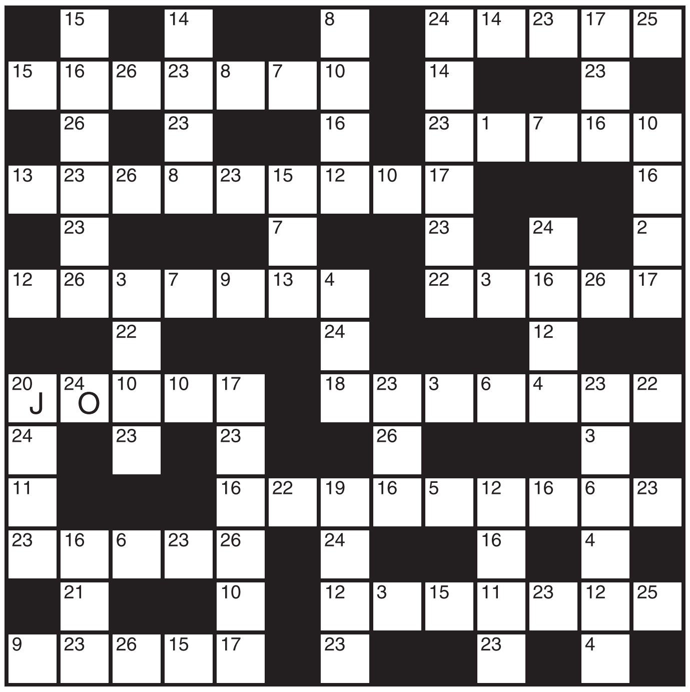


CODEWORD

This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in the grid represents a letter. Use your knowledge of words to solve the puzzle. Two letters are given to start you off.



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13	23	26	8	23	15	12	10	17	■	■	■	16
■	23	■	■	■	7	■	■	23	■	24	■	2
12	26	3	7	9	13	4	■	22	3	16	26	17
■	■	22	■	■	■	24	■	■	■	12	■	■
20 J	24 O	10	10	17	■	18	23	3	6	4	23	22
24	■	23	■	23	■	■	26	■	■	■	3	■
11	■	■	■	16	22	19	16	5	12	16	6	23
23	16	6	23	26	■	24	■	■	16	■	4	■
■	21	■	■	10	■	12	3	15	11	23	12	25
9	23	26	15	17	■	23	■	■	23	■	4	■

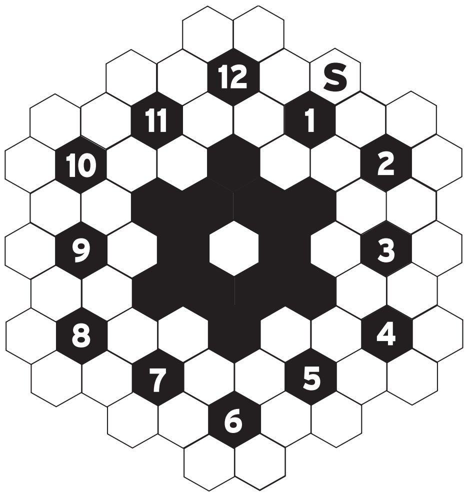
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 J	21	22	23	24 O	25	26

HONEYCOMB

All the solutions read clockwise around their numbers. The solution to clue number 1 starts from the given letter.

1 **Brown skin**
2 **Flip over**
3 **Sprinter**
4 **Urge**
5 **Bite**
6 **Happen**
7 **Finally**
8 **Journey**
9 **Incidents**
10 **Most recent**
11 **Upper classes**
12 **Country**



BATTLESHIPS

In Battleships, you have to find where the fleet of ships shown are hidden in the ten by ten grid. The numbers to the right of and below the grid indicate how many of the squares in that row are filled in with ships or parts of ships. The ships do not touch each other, even diagonally. Some squares have been filled in to start you off.

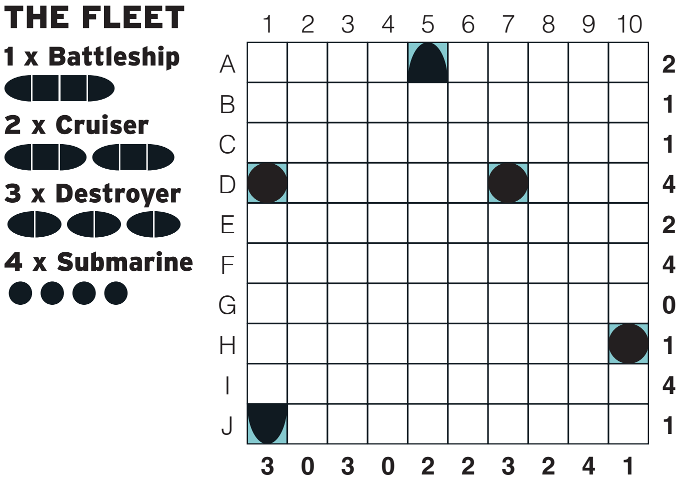
THE FLEET

1 x Battleship

2 x Cruiser

3 x Destroyer

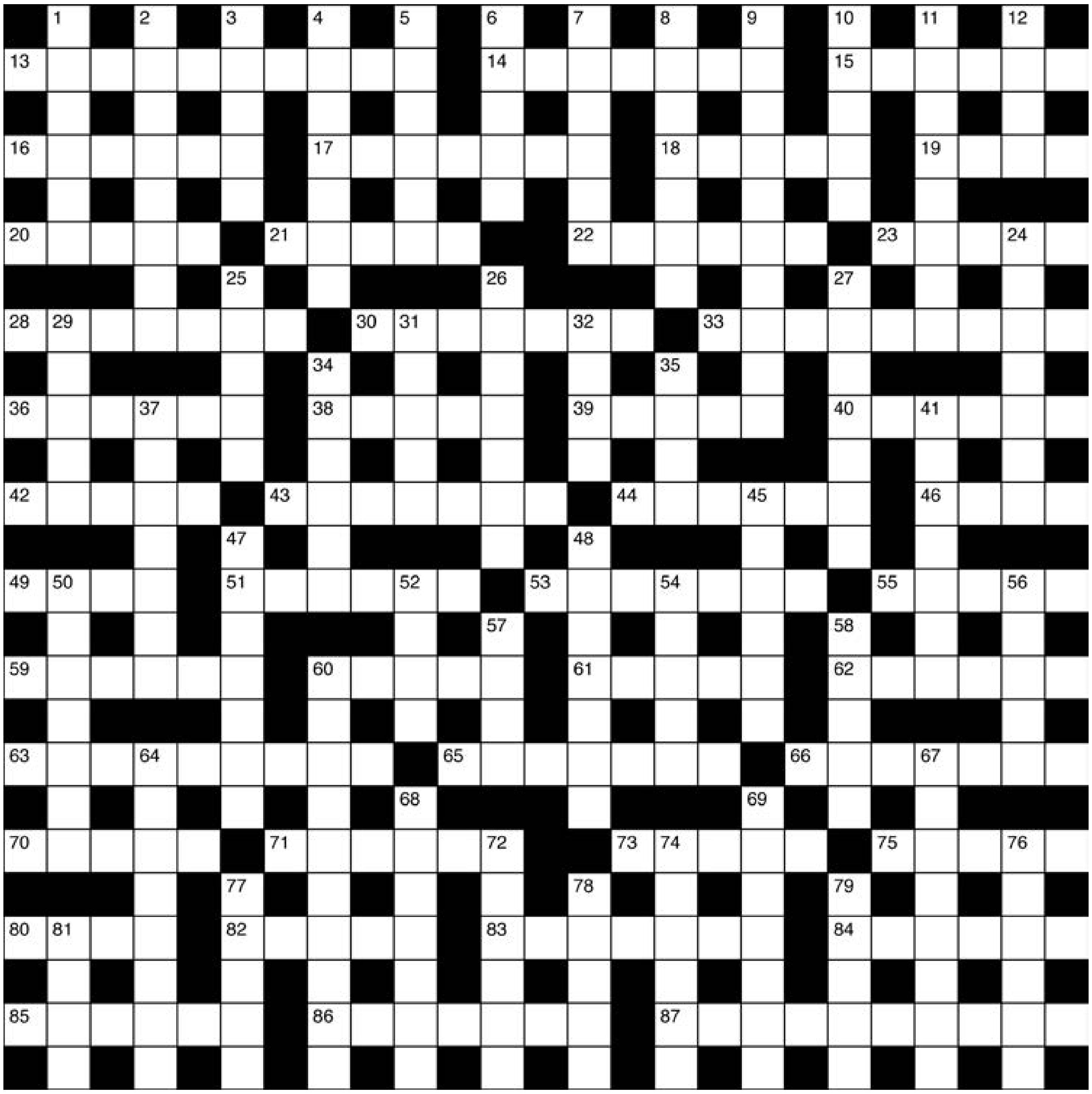
4 x Submarine



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
A					▲						2
B											1
C											1
D	●						●				4
E											2
F											4
G											0
H										●	1
I											4
J	▼										1
	3	0	3	0	2	2	3	2	4	1	

GIANT TWO-SPEED CROSSWORD

Choose between straight and cryptic clues in this giant crossword – both sets lead to the same answers.



STRAIGHT

ACROSS

13 Deteriorating (5,2,3)
14 Storm (7)
15 Greeted (6)
16 Show (6)
17 Very rich (7)
18 Ranks (5)
19 Promise (4)
20 Room (5)
21 Hard (5)
22 Idea (6)
23 Saw (5)
28 Please (7)
30 Dark (7)
33 Fan (9)
36 Vetoed (6)
38 Base (5)
39 Pronounce (5)
40 Sailor (6)
42 Short (5)
43 Puckers (7)
44 Supplies (6)
46 Woman (4)
49 Mark (4)
51 Vegetable (6)
53 Treatment (7)
55 Certainty (5)
59 Succession (6)
60 Force (5)
61 Pierce (5)
62 Wool (6)
63 Left (6,3)
65 Bent (7)
66 Idled (7)
70 Wear (5)
71 Problem (6)
73 Smudge (5)
75 Viewpoint (5)
80 Worry (4)
82 Fragment (5)
83 Singer (7)
84 Became sour (6)
85 Invoiced (6)
86 Eliminates (4,3)
87 Well done (4,3,3)

DOWN

1 Straight (6)
2 Meant (8)
3 Booth (5)
4 Mood (7)
5 Hot (6)
6 Besmirch (5)
7 Fear (6)
8 Dawdled (7)
9 Calling on (5,5)
10 Card game (5)
11 Sickness (8)
12 Socialist (4)
24 Grasped (7)
25 Set (5)
26 Red (7)
27 Tell (7)
29 Permission (5)
31 Stream (5)
32 Charge (4)
34 Furnish (6)
35 Only (4)
37 Book (7)
41 Informing (7)
45 Surpassed (6)
47 Sedative (7)
48 Vegetable (7)
50 Draw near (7)
52 Fielder (4)
54 Grazing land (5)
56 Cut (5)
57 Sensed (4)
58 Quip (5)
60 Squabble (10)
64 All right (4,4)
67 Reverse (8)
68 Says (7)
69 Continue (5,2)
72 Clergyman (6)
74 Contrive (6)
76 Hide (3,3)
77 Tool (5)
78 Loot (5)
79 Rigid (5)
81 Stumble (4)

CRYPTIC

ACROSS

13 Getting worse, is about to have a cup of tea (5,2,3)
14 Storm damaged? Bother! (7)
15 Said hello to the girl with the hard back (6)
16 That's right. Leave out for show (6)
17 Rich as the stones are? (7)
18 Ranks as punishment (5)
19 Promise to find space at the hotel (4)
20 Room that's a work of art (5)
21 Being broke is really hard (5)
22 They are to be lined with gold – that's the idea (6)
23 Saw the notice a time after (5)
28 Please get the D in "dangle" straightened out (7)
30 Not known in the dark (7)
33 Fan while you drink a long drink (9)
36 Didn't allow the minstrel to be heard (6)
38 The roof collapsed, trapping many in the base (5)
39 Let's hear it for the healthy! (5)
40 Classifying as "crew member" (6)
42 In short, is in Battersea (5)
43 "Wrinkles," not "winkles"! (7)
44 Supplies the financial certificates (6)
46 Put the D in "dame"! (4)
49 Mark on the top of "26" (4)
51 The vegetable is in a hard to tear container (6)
53 The treatment is bang on, they hold (7)
55 For a certainty, we'll have to tighten our belts (5)
59 A succession of, in the water (6)
60 Make for vim and vigour (5)
61 Pierce is the name (5)
62 Leave in the tangled Aran wool (6)
63 Left, having been given the push (6,3)
65 Also ran outside and bent down (7)
66 Got rid of the student admitted – didn't work (7)
70 It's for players to wear (5)
71 A problem? He's only kidding (6)
73 The same trickling rain does smudge (5)
75 Viewpoint of those who fish? (5)
80 He's in a tiz-woz (4)
82 A slice of tart: nice ending (5)
83 Singer making a comeback in Reno or California (7)
84 Put back to front and spoiled (6)
85 Sent an invoice when sick in bed (6)
86 Eliminates – the need to switch off? (4,3)
87 Well done, it's healthful (4,3,3)

DOWN

1 Not dissembling about one's height (6)
2 Having meant to look after, in the end I spoiled (8)
3 A stand seat (5)
4 Whisks off – in a mood (7)
5 Getting hot, Noel is jogging on the street (6)
6 Violation of the Army occupying does besmirch (5)
7 Fear conflict with the right in (6)
8 Dawdled and all became late coming round (7)
9 Being enough for everyone calling on (5,5)
10 There's a small bit about the game (5)
11 The untidiness! What's wrong with you! (8)
12 Side with Labour (4)
24 Grasped the key was bent (7)
25 Set the day in the wrong year (5)
26 Very embarrassed, prepared to hug the man (7)
27 Tell you paper's to be wrapped round one (7)
29 Don't take, though you have permission to (5)
31 Something you read about rain water (5)
32 Attack the plant (4)
34 A c-car you can buy on your wages (6)
35 Only fair (4)
37 Book, though it's just a formality (7)
41 Letting one know it's having an effect (7)
45 Went one better by being chosen for the game (6)
47 Order the wife to swallow a sedative (7)
48 The host ushered everyone in for food (7)
50 Will it help you not get left behind at table? (7)
52 That's one of the cricketers, pop (4)
54 Managed to get nearly all the grazing land (5)
56 To cut a figure, Vera dances with (5)
57 With "was sensitive," put one's finger on (4)
58 She'll tell you what "bon mot" means (5)
60 What makes this brush unique? (10)
64 In the pink, all right (4,4)
67 Reverse, just to be awkward (8)
68 Says it's a strain to climb up (7)
69 The to-do when you refuse to stop! (5,2)
72 Corrects in it a misspelling of "clergyman" (6)
74 As engineer, take charge of (6)
76 Hide – take to your bed in the basement (3,3)
77 In despair, start battering with a tool (5)
78 Also upset by having to conceal the swag (5)
79 Strong but rheumaticky (5)
81 Stumble back from a good right (4)

SUDOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, row and 3x3 square includes all the digits from 1 to 9

EASY

	7		1	6	9		5	
8		1				9		7
	3			8			1	
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HARD

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DOUBLE JIGWORD

Arrange these crossword fragments to create two completed symmetrical crosswords.

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R	■	P
■	S	■

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A	■	I
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N	■	E

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X	E	N

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H	A	L

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■	N	O
■	E	■

K	■	U
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P	E	R
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M	I	N

A	S	K
■	S	■
■	■	S

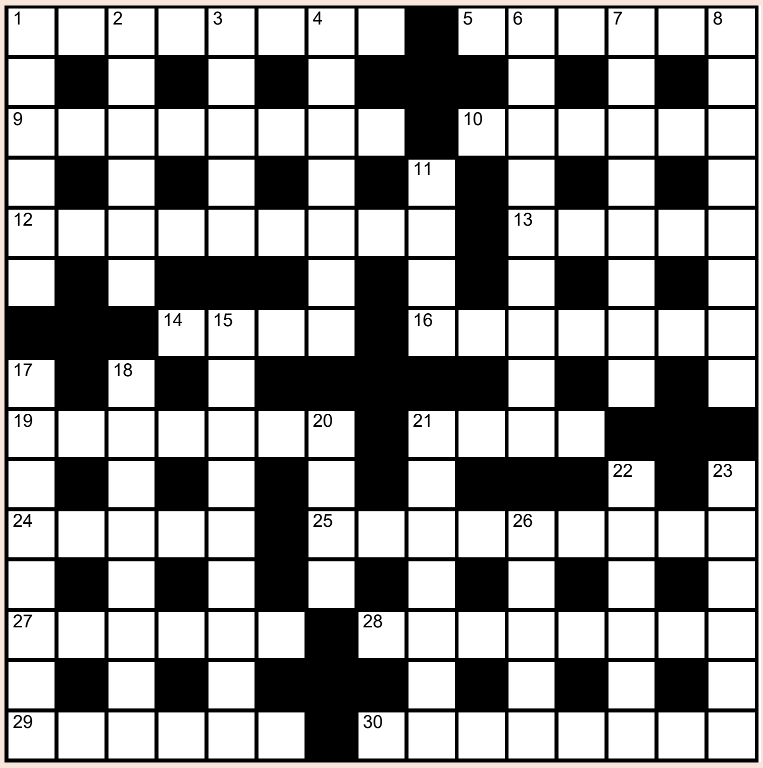
ARROW WORD

The arrows show the direction in which the answer to each clue should be placed.

Behave	▼	Point Grasp	▼	Facts	▼	Rotate	▼	Relation	Taxi's clock	▼	Male sheep	▼	Type of fuel	▼	Lair Grime	▼	Elderly
Crockery Cease	▶	▼				Chaste Steady drone	▶	▼			Employ		Notion Insects	▶	▼		▼
▶				Skinny Statute	▶	▼			Falling clumsily	▶	▼		▼				
Asian country	Din		Sets afloat Articles	▶ ▼								Preserve		Shout for joy		Painting stand	
▶	▼		▼		Formerly		Celebrity		Spurned _ That, band	▶		▼		▼		▼	
Married woman		Number Gaiety	▶		▼	Film stage Epoch	▶ ▼		▼	Number	Fire residue Not even	▶			Wonder		Have a go
▶		▼		Shrimp catcher	▶	▼		Particle	▶	▼	▼		Compass point	▶	▼		▼
Total Farm birds	▶			Split apart	▶							Fresher	▶				
▶				Hearing organ	▶			Finishes	▶				Depend	▶			

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

Test your grasp of the facts with this general knowledge challenge.



ACROSS

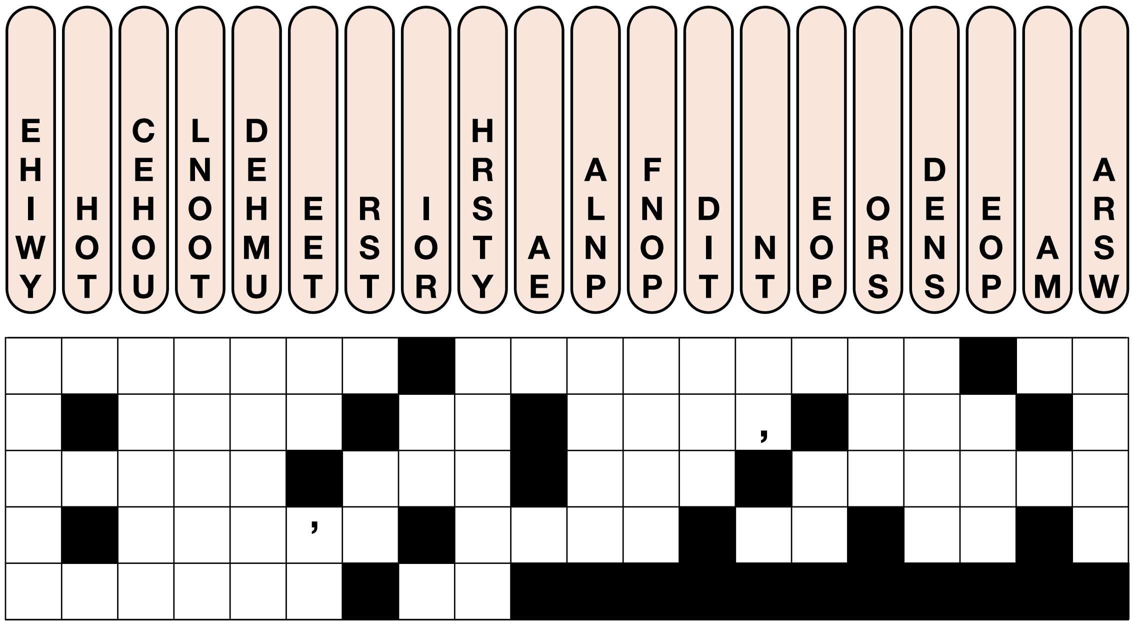
1 Large region of ancient Greece previously known as Aeolia; homeland of the mythical heroes Jason and Achilles (8)
5 Ub ___, American animator whose creations include Flip the Frog and Willie Whopper (6)
9 Bovid mammal of Africa and Asia such as the gerenuk (8)
10 In golf, a score of one stroke under par for a hole (6)
12 Konstantin ___, Mikhail Gorbachev's predecessor as Soviet leader (9)
13 John ___, Denver Broncos American football quarterback; Super Bowl XXXIII MVP (5)
14 1995 stage play by Jez Butterworth (4)
16 Fifteenth letter in the Greek alphabet (7)
19 Protein similar to collagen found in connective tissue (7)
21 Species of wild mountain goat of Asia, Europe and North Africa (4)
24 Brass instrument, usually without valves, similar to the cornet (5)
25 Actress who starred alongside Laura Dern and Marin Kanter in 1982's Ladies and Gentlemen, The Fabulous Stains (5,4)
27 Oliver ___, Conservative MP for West Dorset from 1997 to 2019; Shadow Home Secretary from 2001 to 2003 (6)
28 Of food, cooked in a rich brown sauce made with white wine and mushrooms (8)
29 Dutch town, site of a 1944 Second World War battle (6)
30 Relating to the recently born (8)

DOWN

1 2013 crime film starring James McAvoy, Vincent Cassel and Rosario Dawson (6)
2 Main course of a meal (6)
3 Laura ___, winner of the 2005 Perrier Comedy Award at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe (5)
4 1571 naval battle in which the Christian forces of the Holy League defeated the Ottoman Turks (7)
6 2002 novel by Nicholas Blincoe (5,4)
7 Science fiction TV comedy franchise starring Craig Charles (3,5)
8 City in north east China; the capital of Liaoning Province (8)
11 Aldo ___, former Italian prime minister murdered in 1978 (4)
15 As a supplementary source of income (2,3,4)
17 Ahmed ___, first prime minister of Algeria (3,5)
18 Charles ___, Hobson's Choice actor (8)
20 River upon which Knaresborough, North Yorkshire, stands (4)
21 1819 novel by Walter Scott (7)
22 Fictional police inspector in Les Misérables (6)
23 Oceanic bird such as the Cape ___ or Snow ___ (6)
26 Buddy ___, actor who played the title role in US television crime series Barnaby Jones (5)

QUOTE DOWN

Drop the letters in each column to reconstruct a quote by George Eliot. Words may be split across two lines.



LOGIC

Can you work out how many guests are attending each party?

Next Friday is shaping up to be a busy day for Irvine the event planner. Five clients have hired him to plan their themed parties, and even with his excellent organisational skills he is sure that he can't manage the workload on his own. He decides to rope in his wife to help with the organisation.

"We should set up the murder mystery party first as it has the earliest start time and a large number of guests attending – over double the number that will be at Ollie's get-together," said Irvine to his wife Sally.

"I can see from your notes that Henry's masquerade party starts an hour after the party with the fewest guests," replied Sally.

"I think we should head to Luke's party last as it won't be starting until after 9pm," added Irvine.

"That's late! I hope all the guests arrive in good time. Tara must have a lot of friends if her party has a guest list of 100 people," said Sally.

"Yes, she seems quite flustered about hosting so many guests. Penny's disco will have more people attending than the party that kicks off at 9pm, while the 80s themed party will have more guests than the 8pm party, but not as many as Henry's," said Irvine.

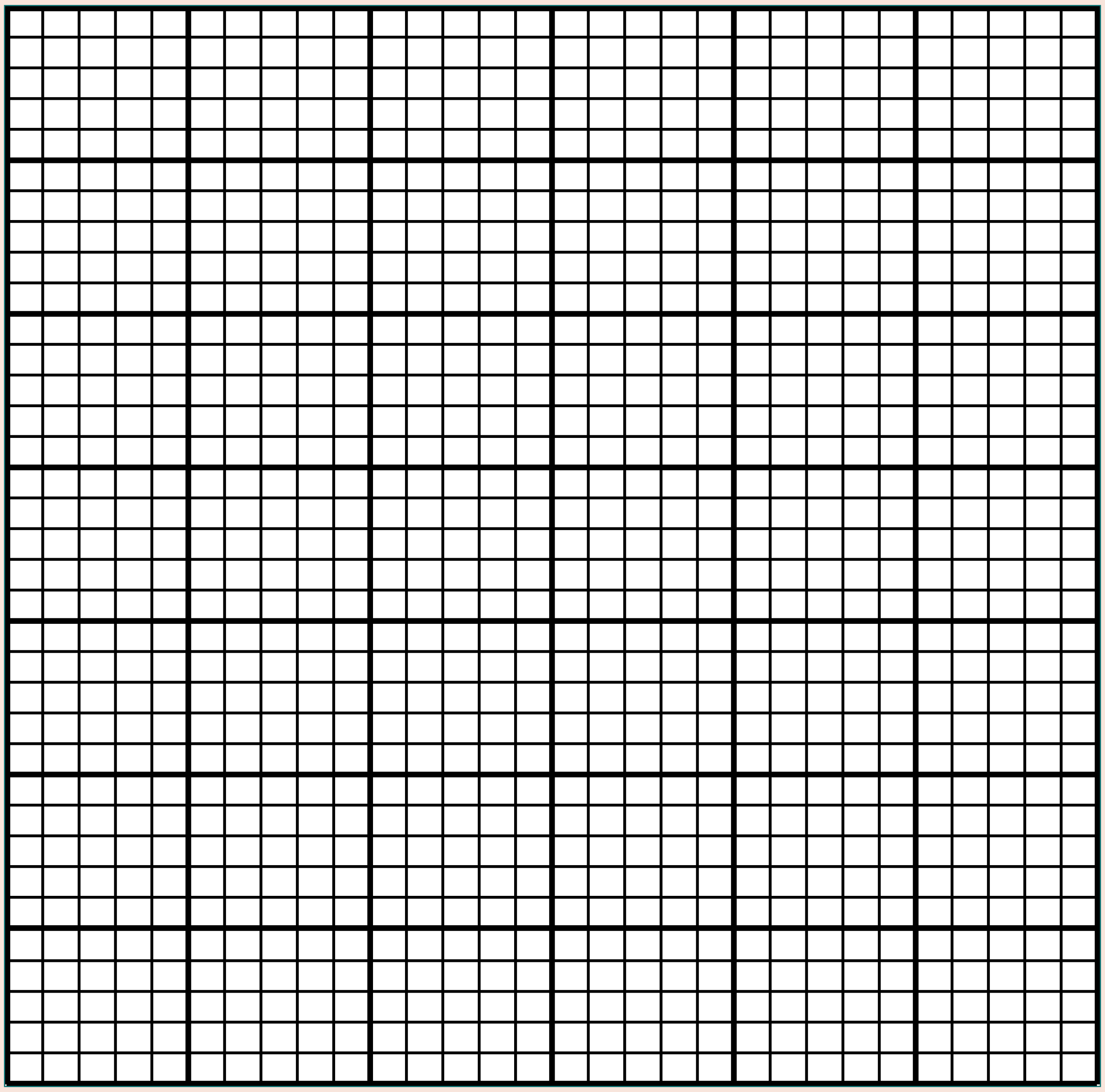
After briefing Sally on the arrangements, Irvine packs up the decorations he needs and heads to the first party. Can you work out the theme each client has chosen for their party and what time each will start?

	Henry	Tara	Penny	Ollie	Luke	7pm	7:30pm	8pm	9pm	9:30pm	25	30	50	75	100
Disco															
80s															
Masquerade															
Casino															
Murder mystery															
25															
30															
50															
75															
100															
7pm															
7:30pm															
8pm															
9pm															
9:30pm															

NONAGRAM

SPELLBINDING

Each column and row has a series of numbers next to it. These refer to the number of adjacent squares that should be filled in. If more than one number appears, that line will contain more than one block to be filled in. The solid blocks must appear in the order that the numbers are printed. For example, a row that contains the numbers 7,5 would contain, somewhere, a block of seven adjacent filled-in squares, then a gap of one or more empty squares and then a block of five adjacent filled-in squares. When complete, the grid will reveal a picture.



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TRIVIA WORDSEARCH

Answer the questions and find the answers in the grid.

IN THE COUNTRY.

1 Who wrote Animal Farm? (6,6)
2 In which English county is Glastonbury Tor? (8)
3 For which 1979 drama film did Sally Field win her first Best Actress Oscar? (5,3)
4 John Alderton played teacher Bernard Hedges in which popular TV sitcom in the late 1960s? (6,3)
5 In which city in India was singer Cliff Richard born in 1940? (7)
6 What name did former prime minister Edward Heath give to a series of yachts he owned and raced? (7,5)
7 Which movie star was once known by his professional wrestling name The Rock? (6,7)
8 Which Shakespeare character is also known as the Moor of Venice? (7)
9 'And the wild cataract leaps in glory' is a line from The Splendour Falls by which Victorian poet? (8)
10 Who painted The Hay Wain? (9)

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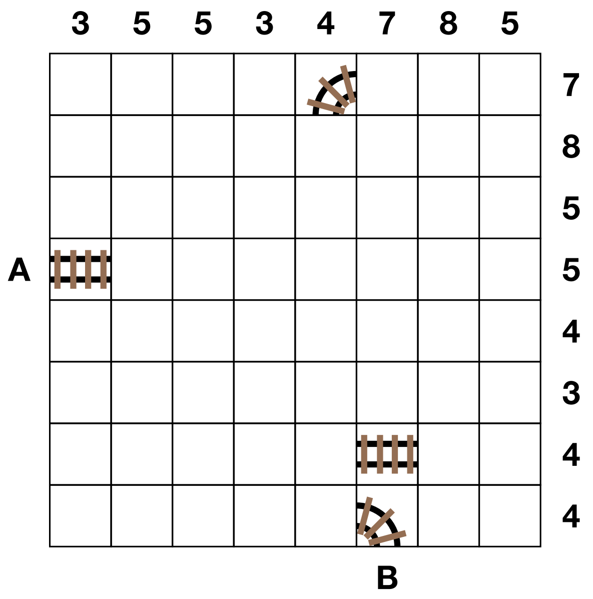
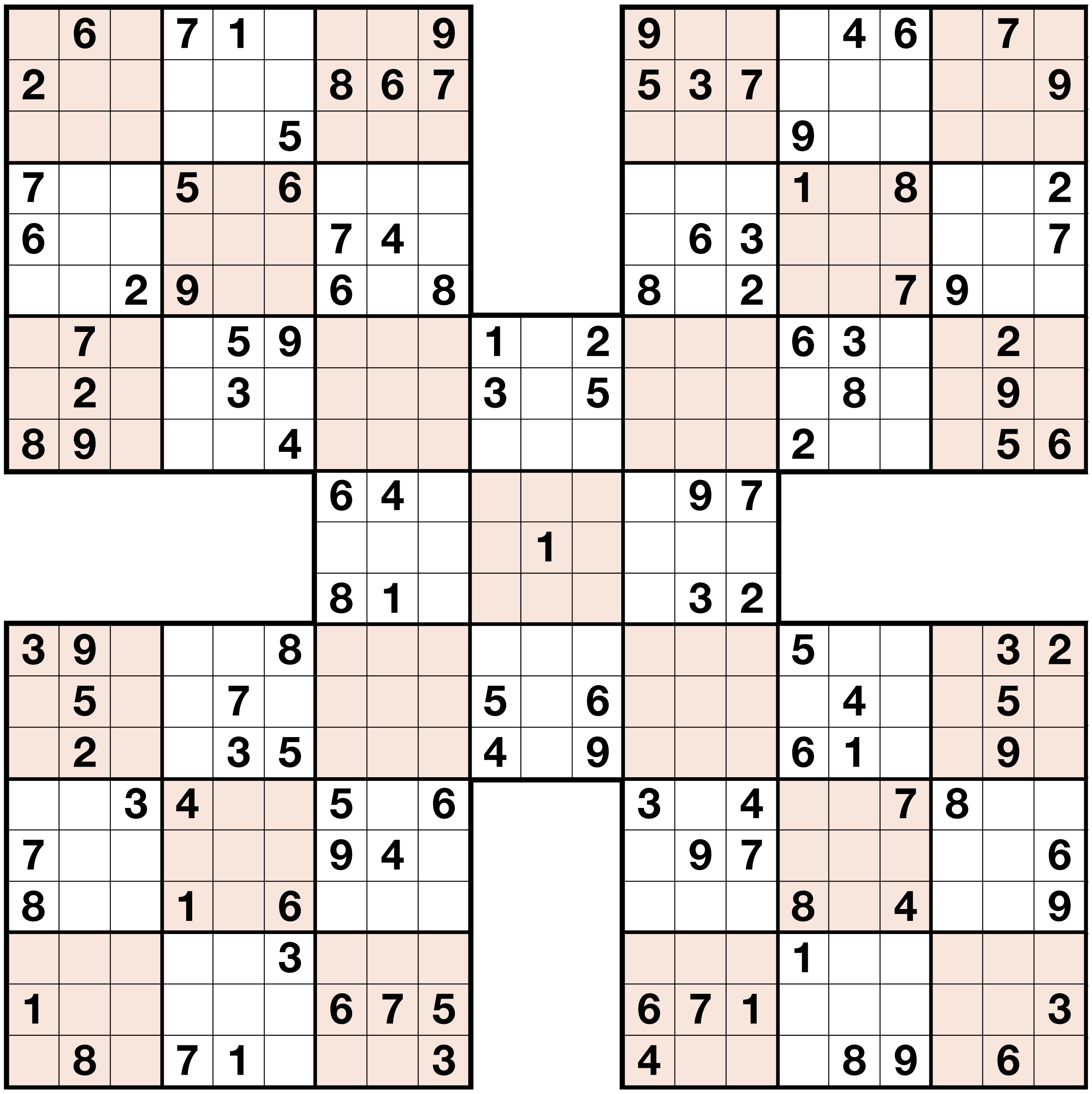
MAKING TRACKS

Numbers around the outside indicate how many squares in each row and column the track passes through between A and B. The track either passes straight through a square or turns at right angles in it.



BIG X SUDOKU

In Big X Sudoku, normal sudoku rules apply, but the 9x9 sudoku at the centre shares four of its 3x3 boxes with those of the outer sudokus.



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	8		7	1				3				4				8	9		6	

ENTER VOWEL

Each clue is the answer word with the vowels removed. For example, a clue PL (4) might lead to Plea, Pile, Peal, Opal etc., but not Loop or Lope. You'll have to work out which option fits with its neighbours to complete the grid.

1	2		3		4		■	5	6		7	
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9						■	10					
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21						■	22					
■		■		■		■		■		■		■
23					■	24						

ACROSS

1 RBC (7)
5 VN (5)
9 DLT (6)
10 RDN (6)
11 DSCLR (9)
13 SCNT (6)
15 SPRT (6)
17 RBBBL (3,6)
21 BLS (6)
22 DCY (6)
23 SD (5)
24 WKND (7)

DOWN

2 WR (4)
3 VRD (7)
4 TMS (5)
6 VD (5)
7 CDRN (4,4)
8 CLNS (6)
12 SSLTS (8)
14 TP (6)
16 CRNK (3,4)
18 RND (5)
19 BG (5)
20 CN (4)

WORD GAMES

THREE LETTERS

Which three-letter word completes the following longer words?

E N ☐ ☐ ☐ E
☐ ☐ ☐ G E R
B E ☐ ☐ ☐
M A R ☐ ☐ ☐

NINER

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

1 3 9 6
= a colour

2 8 6
= a second colour

5 4 6 8 7
= colours

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

PYRAMID

Starting with the single letter at the top, add a new letter and rearrange to form a new word at each stage until you reach the word at the bottom. There may be more than one solution.

A
☐ ☐
☐ ☐ ☐
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
R E M A I N D E R

ANAGRAMS

Unscramble each of the words or phrases below to reveal the names of five young animals.

GET LIP

TOWEL

OLD TAPE

ATE LEG

KID CLUNG

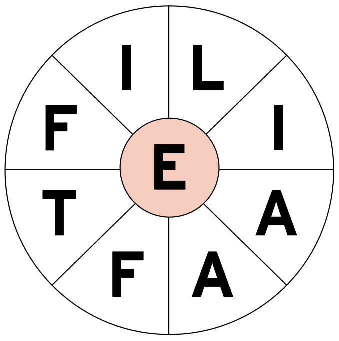
30-SECOND BRAIN TEASER

Boost your brain power with our 30-second test. Start with the number on the left and follow the instructions. Beginners should aim to complete the puzzle in 30 seconds. Intermediates should finish their own puzzle and the Beginner's puzzle. Advanced players have 30 seconds to complete their own plus the Intermediate. Good luck!

BEGINNER 86	-34	÷4	+68	Reverse the digits	÷6	+48	÷3	-9	ANSWER
INTERMEDIATE 325	3/5 of this	+47	÷11	+185	5/9 of this	-84	×6	+57	ANSWER
ADVANCED 524	75% of this	-185	7/8 of this	+161	Take the cube root	+6	×9	-82	ANSWER

WORD WHEEL

You have 10 mins to find as many words as possible using the letters in the wheel. Each must use the hub letter and at least 3 others. Letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns. There is at least one 9-letter word to be found.



How you rate
8 average
12 good
16 very good
18 excellent

SOLUTIONS

CODEWORD
1=Q, 2=Z, 3=I, 4=H, 5=N, 6=G, 7=U, 8=F, 9=M, 10=L, 11=K, 12=T, 13=P, 14=B, 15=C, 16=A, 17=Y, 18=W, 19=V, 20=J, 21=X, 22=D, 23=E, 24=O, 25=S, 26=R

HONEYCOMB
1 Suntan. 2 Upturn. 3 Runner. 4 Enjoin. 5 Nibble. 6 Befall. 7 Lastly. 8 Travel. 9 Events. 10 Newest. 11 Elites. 12 Nation.

PATTERN MAKER
SQUARE 4. In each box, the last (furthest right) brick from each row is removed and placed to form a new top row in the next box, with the brick from the top row becoming the first brick on the left of the new row, the brick from the second-top row becoming the second brick from the left of the new row, etc. When a row becomes empty, the row above it moves down.

GIANT TWO-SPEED CROSSWORD
ACROSS: 13 Going to pot, 14 Tornado, 15 Hailed, 16 Reveal, 17 Rolling, 18 Lines, 19 Oath, 20 Study, 21 Stony, 22 Theory, 23 Adage, 28 Gladden, 30 Obscure, 33 Supporter, 36 Barred, 38 Floor, 39 Sound, 40 Rating, 42 Terse, 43 Cockles, 44 Stocks, 46 Lady, 49 Scar, 51 Radish, 53 Therapy, 55 Cinch, 59 Stream, 60 Drive, 61 Lance, 62 Angora, 63 Shoved off, 65 Stooped, 66 Slacked, 70 Sport, 71 Teaser, 73 Smear, 75 Angle, 80 Stew, 82 Piece, 83 Crooner, 84 Turned, 85 Billed, 86 Cuts out, 87 Good for you.
DOWN: 1 Honest, 2 Intended, 3 Stall, 4 Spirits, 5 Stolen, 6 Stain, 7 Fright, 8 Dallied, 9 Going round, 10 Whist, 11 Disorder, 12 Left, 24 Gleaned, 25 Ready, 26 Scarlet, 27 Apprise, 29 Leave, 31 Brook, 32 Rush, 34 Afford, 35 Just, 37 Reserve, 41 Telling, 45 Capped, 47 Bromide, 48 Shallot, 50 Catchup, 52 Slip, 54 Range, 56 Carve, 57 Felt, 58 Sally, 60 Difference, 64 Very well, 67 Contrary, 68 Asserts, 69 Carry on, 72 Rector, 74 Manage, 76 Lie low, 77 Spade, 78 Booty, 79 Stiff, 81 Trip.

GK CROSSWORD
ACROSS: 1 Thessaly, 5 Iwerks, 9 Antelope, 10 Birdie, 12 Chernenko, 13 Elway, 14 Mojo, 16 Omicron, 19 Elastin, 21 Ibex, 24 Bugle, 25 Diane Lane, 27 Letwin, 28 Chasseur, 29 Arnhem, 30 Neonatal.
DOWN: 1 Trance, 2 Entree, 3 Solon, 4 Lepanto, 6 White Mice, 7 Red Dwarf, 8 Shenyang, 11 Moro, 15 On the side, 17 Ben Bella, 18 Laughton, 20 Nidd, 21 Ivanhoe, 22 Javert, 23 Petrel, 26 Ebsen.

QUOTE DOWN
"Whether happiness may come or not, one should try and prepare one's self to do without it"

TRIVIA WORDSEARCH
1 George Orwell, 2 Somerset, 3 Norma Rae, 4 Please Sir!, 5 Lucknow, 6 Morning Cloud, 7 Dwayne Johnson, 8 Othello, 9 Tennyson, 10 Constable

NINER
GROUNDSEL

THREE LETTERS
GIN. ENGINE, GINGER, BEGIN, MARGIN

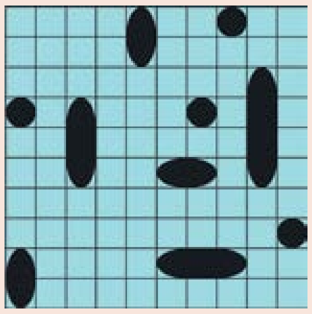
PYRAMID
One way is a, ad, mad, made, dream, marred, dreamer, dreamier, remainder

ANAGRAMS
Piglet, Owlet, Tadpole, Eaglet, Duckling

WORD WHEEL
affiliate, alate, fate, feat, felt, feta, fief, fife, file, filet, flea, flite, late, leaf, left, lief, life, lite, tale, teal, tile.

30-SECOND BRAIN TEASER
Beginner 8, Intermediate 243, Advanced 35.

BATTLESHIPS



WORDSEARCH

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ARROWWORD

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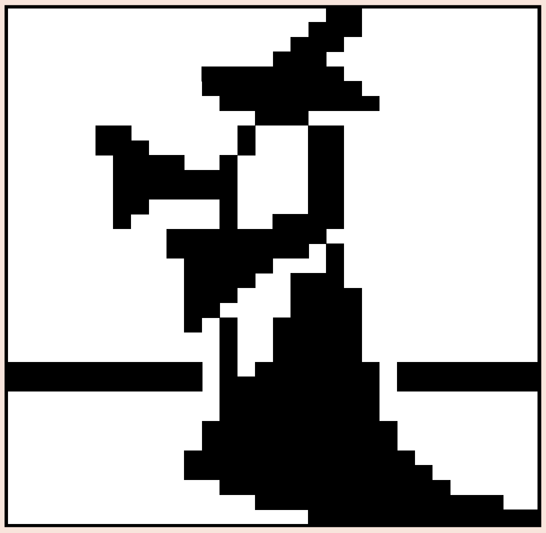
LOGIC

Client	Theme	Start time	No. of guests
Henry	Masquerade	9pm	50
Tara	Murder mystery	7pm	100
Penny	Disco	7:30pm	75
Ollie	Casino	8pm	25
Luke	80s	9:30pm	30

NONAGRAM



BIG X SUDOKU

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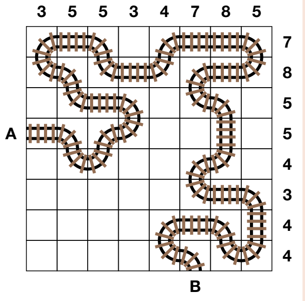

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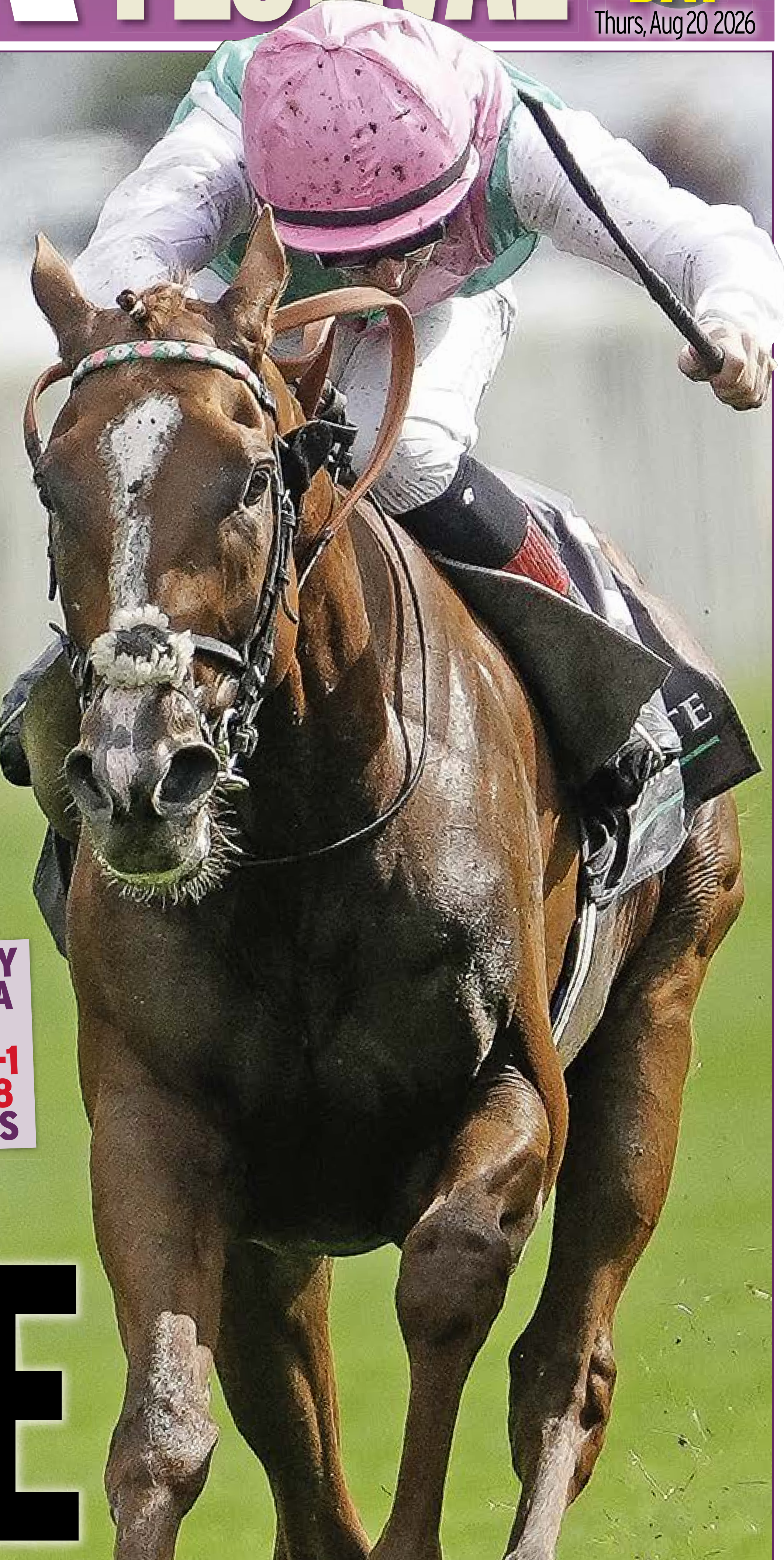

COL OF DUTY
Colin Keane drives home 10-1 shot Item to win a thrilling £850,650 feature race

NEWSBOY OFF TO A FLYER WITH 10-1 AND 11-8 WINNERS

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NEWSBOY
1.50 WILD BLOSSOM
2.25 SUN GODDESS
3.00 BLUE BROTHER
3.35 JOHANNA WALSH (NB)
4.10 MORROPHORE
4.45 MIRZIMAAN (NAP)
5.20 OOLONG POOBONG

BOUVERIE
1.50 LIBERTANGO
2.25 SUN GODDESS
3.00 BULLET POINT
3.35 KALPANA (NB)
4.10 MORROPHORE
4.45 MIA FANTASIA
5.20 STARLIGHT LASS

JACKPOT MEETING

GOING: Good.
COURSE: Left-handed, u-shaped track of 2m, 5f run-in. Races of 7f start on a spur.
DRAW: Inconsistent on straight, low best on round course.
TOP TRAINERS: W Haggas 41-217 (18.9%), A Balding 40-225 (17.8%), K R Burke 33-295 (11.2%), K Ryan 27-330 (8.2%), R & P Fahey 26-436 (6.0%), J & T Gosden 26-117 (22.2%), R Beckett 25-149 (16.8%), D O'Meara 20-373 (5.4%), R Hannon 18-125 (14.4%), T Easterby 16-519 (3.1%), A P O'Brien 12-67 (17.9%).
TRAINER TARGETS (won today's race at least twice in last 10 years): K R Burke won the 1.50 in '19 and '22. C Cox won the 2.25 in '23, '24 and '25. R Hannon won the 2.25 in '16, '17, '19, '20 and '22. D O'Meara won the 3.00 in '16 and '22. W Haggas won the 3.00 in '20 and '25. A P O'Brien won the 3.35 in '16, '20, '21, '23, '24 and '25. J & T Gosden won the 3.35 in '17 and '19. A Balding won the 4.45 in '21, '23 and '25.
TOP JOCKEYS: Tom Marquand 32-211 (15.2%), William Buick 31-161 (19.3%), Daniel Tudhope 29-281 (10.3%), Oisin Murphy 28-160 (17.5%), Ryan Moore 25-133 (18.8%), Rossa Ryan 21-159 (13.2%), P J McDonald 19-151 (12.6%), Clifford Lee 18-171 (10.5%), Oisin Orr 12-192 (6.2%), Hector Crouch 12-69 (17.4%).
1ST TIME BLINKERS: 2.25 Niewiadoma, 3.00 Eternal Force, 4.10 K Sarra.
CHEEKPIECES: 3.00 Arctic Dawn, Bullet Point, Checkandchallenge, 3.35 Kalpana, 4.10 Club Class, Perfect Your Craft, 4.45 High Hazard*, Koodini, 5.20 Just Call Me Angel*, Perfect Part, Tryst.
TONGUE STRAPS: 2.25 Glorious Game, Vollering, 3.00 Aalto, The Angel King*, Yorkshire, 3.35 Johanna Walsh, 4.10 Club Class, Vauntingly, 4.45 Rbflying*, 5.20 Oolong Poobong. (*=1st time).
1ST RUN SINCE WIND OP: 1.50 In The Black, 2.25 Blake's Monarch, 5.20 Lam Yai.
PROFITABLE RACES FOR FAVS: 3.35.

» STEVE JONES' VALUE SCOPE COLUMN SEE PAGE 7

1.50 SKY BET LOWTHER STAKES

(FILLIES' GROUP 2) (1) (2YO) 6f Winner £141,775 (19 run) ITV/RTV

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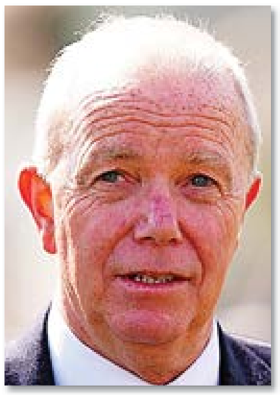


DYNAMIC DUO Karl Burke (above) and James Doyle

1	(8)	167	**ALTA REGINA** (26)	H Al Jehani (UAE)	9-2	C Rodriguez	102 GF	*9-2 (9-2) Wore red hood to post, faded final furlong, 7th of 11, 6l behind Moonrise (9-2) at Ascot 6f 2yo fll Grp 3 (1) gf in Jul*
2	(11)	41	**ANGELS PASSING** (77) (D)	K Ryan	9-2	K Stott	93 G	*11-10fav (9-2) Wore hood to post, eased when in no danger towards finish, won at Hamilton 6f mdn flls stks (4) gd in Jun beating Meennaa (9-2) by 5l, 3 ran*
3	(13)	321041	**BIG NEGOTIATOR** (29) (C)	P Twomey (IRE)	9-2	W J Lee	104 GS	*11-1 (9-2) Prominent, led before halfway, kept on well, won at Naas 5f 2yo fll Listed stks (1) gd in Jul beating Shimmering Sun (9-2) by 1¼l, 9 ran*
4	(9)	31019	**BINT ARCHANGE** (33)	R Hughes	9-2	R L Moore	99 G	*13-2 (9-0) Raced near side, tracked leaders, ridden over 2f out, weakened 1f out, 9th of 24, 6l behind Zigazig Ah (8-4) at Newbury 5f 2yo auc (2) gf in Jul*
5	(3)	32510	**CROWNBREAKER** (22)	K P De Foy	9-2	David Egan	105 GS	*10-3 (9-0) Wore hood to post, ridden over 2f out, weakened final furlong, 10th of 11, 14l behind Pershaada (9-0) at Goodwood 5f 2yo Grp 3 (1) gf in Jul*
6	(19)	210	**CRYSTAL QUEEN** (64)	R & P Fahey	9-2	C Beasley	94 GF	*50-1 (9-2) Wore hood to post, kept on inside final furlong, never involved, 13th of 27, 6l behind Victorious (9-2) at Royal Ascot 5f 2yo fll Grp 2 (1) gf in Jun*
7	(17)	6093	**DESERT SANDS** (9)	I Mohammed & J Santos	9-2	S De Sousa	85 GF	*6-4 (9-2) Raced in fourth, pushed along over 2f out, went modest third over 110yds out, never in contention, 3rd of 5, 5l behind Bellatina (8-10) at Lingfield 5f (3) pol*
8	(4)	1	**IN THE BLACK** (57)	G Oldroyd	9-2	P J McDonald	79 G	*13-2 (9-2) Not much room start, in touch on outer, stayed on well inside final furlong, won at Carlisle 5f 2yo mdn (4) gf in Jun beating By Jove Grace (9-2) by 1½l, 4 ran*
9	(14)	195	**JOLIVETTE** (41) (D)	A Balding	9-2	W Buick	100 GF	*12-1 (9-2) Prominent, led 2f out, ridden and headed over 1f out, weakened final furlong, 5th of 8, 4l behind Senorita Bonita (9-2) at Newmarket 6f 2yo fll Grp 2 (1) gf in Jul*
10	(15)	112	**LIBERTANGO** (41) (BF, D) (SF)	G Boughey	9-2	B Loughnane ●	112 GF	*10-11fav (9-2) Midfield, headed near finish, just held on for second, 2nd of 8, ¾l behind Senorita Bonita (9-2) at Newmarket 6f 2yo fll Grp 2 (1) gf in Jul*
11	(18)	3311	**LIVENKA** (17) (D)	G M Lyons (IRE)	9-2	C T Keane	100 G	*4-6fav (8-11) Always prominent, kept on well inside final furlong, won at Naas 6f 2yo auc gd beating Maeda Matsu (8-9) by 3½l, 11 ran*
12	(2)	1104	**LOVE A GIGGLE** (19) (BF, C)	K R Burke	9-2	C Lee	96 GF	*2-1fav (9-9) In touch with leaders, outpaced inside final 110yds, weakened towards finish, 4th of 9, 2¼l behind Havana Sprite (9-4) at Newmarket 6f 2yo fll hcp (2) gf*
13	(7)	15	**MISS KODI** (26) (D)	C Cox	9-2	Rossa Ryan	102 G	*6-1 (9-2) Raced far side, towards rear, ridden in fourth 1f out, ran on one pace, 5th of 11, 1½l behind Moonrise (9-2) at Ascot 6f 2yo fll Grp 3 (1) gf in Jul*
14	(16)	121	**MOONRISE** (26) (D)	A Balding	9-2	O Murphy	106 G	*11-2 (9-2) Wore red hood to post, edged left closing stages and just held late challenge, won at Ascot 6f 2yo fll Grp 3 (1) gf in Jul beating Dee's Funny Girl (9-2) by nk, 11 ran*
15	(12)	14	**RUBY MOON** (41) (D) (EW)	R & P Fahey	9-2	Oisin Orr	102 GF	*20-1 (9-2) Midfield, ridden and outpaced well over 1f out, rallied and stayed on final furlong, 4th of 8, 3l off Senorita Bonita (9-2) at Newmarket 6f 2yo fll Grp 2 (1) gf*
16	(1)	2518	**SEXY CHICK** (6) (D)	R Spencer	9-2	G Wood	89 G	*20-1 (9-2) Held up in rear, switched right under 2f out, kept on final 110 yards, never involved, 8th of 13, 6l off Angels Lane (9-2) at Newbury 5f 2yo fll Listed stks (1) gf*
17	(5)	172	**SHIMMERING SUN** (29)	Harry Eustace	9-2	T Marquand	102 GF	*2-1 (9-2) Chased leaders, no impression, went 2nd 150 yards out, kept on, 2nd of 9, 1¼l behind Big Negotiator (9-2) at Naas 5f 2yo fll Listed stks (1) gd in Jul*
18	(6)	21	**STAR OF STATE** (35) (D) (F)	J P O'Brien (IRE)	9-2	D Browne McMonagle	107 G	*1-3fav (9-1) Soon led, asserted early straight and 6 lengths clear 1f out, kept on well, easily, won at Leopardstown 6f 2yo mdn gd in Jul beating Not You Too (9-1) by 9l*
19	(10)	101	**WILD BLOSSOM** (22)	K R Burke	9-2	James Doyle	111 GF	*5-4fav (9-2) Wore hood and earplugs to post, in touch with leaders, kept on well, won at Goodwood 5f 2yo fll stks (2) gf in Jul beating Fast Track (9-2) by 1½l, 9 ran*

BETTING: 7-4 Libertango, 3 Star Of State, 7 Livenka, 15-2 Wild Blossom, 10 Moonrise, 20 Ruby Moon, In The Black, 25 Big Negotiator, Miss Kodi, Crownbreaker, Shimmering Sun.
2025: ROYAL FIXATION 9 2, William Buick 5-2 JtFav (E Walker), drawn (11), 11 ran.

RUNNING WILD

NEWSBOY'S 1-2-3
1 WILD BLOSSOM
2 LIBERTANGO
3 IN THE BLACK

SWEET SUCCESS Wild Blossom (red cap) winning at Glorious Goodwood

WILD BLOSSOM looks ready for the step up to six furlongs – and the return to Group company.

Wathnan Racing's 300,000-guinea breeze-up purchase could hardly have got her career off to a better start than when running away with a novice stakes for fillies at Carlisle in May by 10 lengths from subsequent Listed winner Crownbreaker.

Given her trainer Karl Burke's depth of two-year-old talent, it was no surprise to see the daughter of Mehmas sent off at just 7-1 for the Group 2 Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot next time.

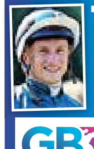
But a draw in stall seven did for Wild Blossom's chances and, under the circumstances, a 10th-of-27 finish, just over four lengths behind winner Victorious, could have been a lot worse.

Burke then sent James Doyle's partner to Glorious Goodwood for the Alice Keppel Fillies' Conditions Stakes and the retrieval mission went to plan as Wild Blossom got back to winning ways with a length-and-a-half defeat of Fast Track.

Although she has raced exclusively at the minimum trip, my selection shouldn't be troubled by tackling an easy six today and has the untapped potential to make an impression at Group 2 level.

Libertango, an eye-catching winner of Royal Ascot's Group 3 Albany Stakes, is likely to have a say in proceedings, while **Star Of State** and **In The Black** are others who merit a second look.

TOM MARQUAND



The top rider's insights on the second day of York

GREAT BRITISH RACING

GETTING TO THE POINT...

IT WAS fantastic to win aboard Maltese Cross on Day One of the York festival.

He's a proper Group 1 horse and to see him shoulder a penalty against a Derby winner and a horse who was narrowly beaten in the Irish Derby was a really good performance.

He's important for the yard, so I'm really looking forward to seeing wherever he goes next.

These are exciting times!

Today is super-busy for me with six rides, and **BULLET POINT** (3.00) is surely one of the standouts.

FANCIED Bullet Point

He's a lovely, straightforward horse who ran very well at the Shergar Cup last time.

RHAPSODY (4.10) is another interesting one because she's stepping up to a mile and a half for the first time.

She's a lovely filly and has run really well at the track before. Her mother won over this trip and was pretty good at it too!

If Rhapsody can relax and settle, I think she could go really well.

I'm also looking forward to **ALBAYDAA** (5.20) in the last.

She won really nicely at Carlisle a few runs ago, while last time she just didn't enjoy the fast ground and being stuck on the inside.

Hopefully she can put that right today and show up much better.

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2.25 HARRY'S HALF MILLION BY GOFFS

(YEARLING STAKES) (2) (2YO) 6f Winner £293,184 (22 run) ITV/RTV

GODDESS SET TO RULE SUPREME

1 (4) 21111 **TOKAIDO** (32) (D) (F)
Miss A Murphy 9-9 **Tony Piccone** 104 G
6-5jf (9-2) Headway halfway, led over 1f out, ran on final 110yds, readily won at Chantilly(FR) 6f 2yo Grp 2 (1) gd in Jul beating King Of Cloughan (9-2) by 2l, 3 ran

2 (12) 312124 **FURTURRA** (40) (D)
T Easterby 9-7 **S B Kirrane** 86 G
5-1 (9-7) Mid-division, soon pressed leader, ridden over 1f out and no extra, 4th of 8, 3½l behind Big Cigar (9-9) at York 6f 2yo hcp 0-85 (4) gf in Jul

3 (7) 310 **MIND THOSE STEPS** (26) (D)
T Easterby 9-7 **D Allan** 80 GF
28-1 (9-11) Midfield, hampered over 2f out, keeping on when short of room last 110yds, never nearer, 11th of 14, 5l behind Asander (9-4) at Newcastle 6f nov stks (4) in Jul

4 (14) 1104 **WHERE LOVE LIVES** (21) (EW)
Donnacha O'Brien (IRE) 9-7 **B Loughnane** 95 GF
12-1 (9-2) Wore hood to post, faded inside final furlong, 4th of 10, 4½l behind Man's Best Friend (9-2) at Goodwood 6f 2yo Grp 2 (1) gf in Jul

5 (19) 4143 **THE BOOKKEEPER** (21)
R Hughes 9-5 **H Crouch** 88 GF
3-1 (9-4) Ducked left leaving stalls, went second and edged left final 50yds, lost second post, 3rd of 18, 2¼l off Sword Salute (9-8) at Goodwood 7f 2yo hcp (2) gf

6 (17) 21211 **SUN GODDESS** (11) (D) (SF)
A P O'Brien (IRE) 9-4 **R L Moore** ●114 GF
5-4fav (9-2) Held up towards rear, led 1f out, ridden and kept on well inside final 150 yards, won at Curragh 6f 2yo Grp 1 (1) gf beating Folsom Blues (9-5) by 1¼l, 8 ran

7 (5) 231 **BATTLE FEVER** (19)
K Ryan 9-2 **K Stott** 89 GF
9-4 (9-4) Chased leaders, pushed along 2f out, won going away, won at Thirsk 5f 2yo nov stk (4) gd beating Red Blue Point (9-4) by 3l, 8 ran

8 (16) 260 **BLAKE'S MONARCH** (61)
I Furtado 9-2 **S De Sousa** 91 GF
150-1 (9-3) Wore hood to post, broke well, no extra when hung right final 50yds, 10th of 21, 7l behind Orthodox (9-3) at Royal Ascot 5f 2yo Grp 2 (1) gf in Jun

9 (10) 119 **GLORIOUS GAME** (26) (D)
H Palmer 9-2 **O Murphy** 96 G
14-1 (9-2) Raced far side, prominent, pushed along and weakened 2f out, 9th of 11, 7l behind Moonrise (9-2) at Ascot 6f 2yo fll Grp 3 (1) gf in Jul

10 (3) 62113 **INNICHEN** (20) (D)
J Channon 9-2 **T Marquand** 93 GF
13-2 (9-3) Slowly away, raced far side, went third inside final 110yds, nearest finish, 3rd of 18, ¾l behind Revels (9-6) at Goodwood 6f 2yo hcp (2) gf in Jul

11 (20) 261 **IT DUNT MARRA** (26)
Ollie Sangster 9-2 **S Donohoe** 90 G
6-5fav (9-7) Wore red hood to post, did enough and eased towards finish, won at Lingfield 5f 2yo nov stk (4) gf in Jul beating Catching Dreams (9-7) by ½l, 7 ran

12 (8) 211 **KODIAK BREEZE** (50) (D)
K Ryan 9-2 **Shane Gray** 85 GF
6-4 (9-8) Led, ridden and pressed over 1f out, just did enough, won at Thirsk 6f 2yo nov stk (5) gf in Jul beating Location Location (9-4) by ½l, 11 ran

13 (21) 51 **PRIDE OF TOLEDO** (26) (D)
C Cox 9-2 **C Rodriguez** 93 G
9-4 (9-7) Chased leader, keen, ridden and joined leader 2f out, led 1f out, ran on well, won at Salisbury 6f 2yo nov stk (4) gf in Jul beating Sierra Belle (9-2) by 4l, 4 ran

14 (11) 11 **QUILLAN** (33)
D & N Barron 9-2 **Kaiya Fraser** 95 G
6-5fav (9-11) Led, ridden and headed over 1f out, ran on strongly towards finish, readily, won at Ripon 5f 2yo nov stk (4) gd in Jul beating Influencer Man (9-4) by 1¼l, 5 ran

15 (6) 11 **SATELLITE OF LOVE** (33) (D)
C Cox 9-2 **Rossa Ryan** 97 GF
6-1 (9-6) Prominent, shaken up to lead over 1f out, always doing enough, won at Newbury 6f 2yo nov stk (4) gf in Jul beating Agrippa (9-2) by nk, 10 ran

16 (18) 63 **SECRET SOCIETY** (38)
C Cox 9-2 **D Browne McMonagle** 85 GF
9-2 (9-7) Led, pushed along over 2f out, held by winner and lost second close home, 3rd of 12, 1l behind Ferrystream (9-2) at Windsor 6f 2yo nov stk (4) gf in Jul

17 (2) 31 **THEBESTHASYETOCOME** (61) (D)
A Keatley 9-2 **MP Sheehy** 88 G
11-8fav (9-7) Went slight right, headway to lead entering final 110yds, won going away, won at Ayr 6f 2yo mdn (4) sft in Jun beating Maximus Meridius (9-7) by 3½l, 6 ran

18 (13) 314 **WEEKEND ROAR** (17) (D)
H Palmer 9-2 **James Doyle** 90 G
11-2 (9-0) Mid-division, 5th and pushed along 2f out, 4th and ridden 1f out, kept on one pace inside final furlong, 4th of 11, 6l off Livenka (8-11) at Naas 6f 2yo auc gd

19 (9) 1900 **NIEWIADOMA** (33)
A Watson 8-11 **G Mangan** 91 G
50-1 (8-10) Raced near side, held up in touch, asked for effort 2f out, never in contention, 17th of 24, 10l behind Zigazig Ah (8-4) at Newbury 5f 2yo auc (2) gf

20 (15) 2106 **ROLLTHEDICEBABY** (19) (D)
R Hannon 8-11 **S M Levey** 91 GS
11-2 (8-10) Held up towards rear, rallied and some headway inside final furlong, kept on, 6th of 9, 3l behind Havana Sprite (9-4) at Newmarket 6f 2yo fll hcp (2) gf

21 (22) 321 **SPEED OF SOUND** (15) (D)
R Spencer 8-11 **S Osborne** 92 GF
5-6fav (9-2) Disputed lead, led outright after 1f, won at Yarmouth 6f mdn flls stks (4) gf beating Pensando A Te (9-2) by hd, 10 ran

22 (1) 154362 **VOLLERING** (12)
A Watson 8-11 **P-L Jamin** 105 G
18-1 (8-11) Rdden and asserted over 1f out, headed inside final 110yds, kept on 2nd of 8, ¾l behind Drazinda (8-11) at Deauville(FR) 5f 2yo lst stk (1) gs

BETTING: 10-11 Sun Goddess, 9-2 Tokaido, 6 Satellite Of Love, 12 Quillan, 16 Where Love Lives, Glorious Game, 20 Vollering, Pride Of Toledo.
2025: SONG OF THE CLYDE 9 2, Rossa Ryan 15-2 (C Cox), drawn (10), 21 ran.

BRIGHT SUN
Sun Goddess looks like she's a class above her York rivals

NEWSBOY'S 1-2-3
1 SUN GODDESS
2 TOKAIDO
3 VOLLERING

SUN GODDESS, as a Group 1 winner, is emphatically the clubhouse leader.

Having come home strongly on her debut to force a dead-heat for second behind Aidan O'Brien (right) stablemate Carry The Flag at Naas in May.

Sioux Nation's daughter duly went one better with a five-length supremacy at the Curragh 15 days later.

Sun Goddess went off the 10-11 favourite for the Group 3 Albany Stakes at Royal Ascot next time and Ryan Moore'smount led her 24 rivals passing the half-furlong marker, only to be gunned down late on by Libertango.

Undeterred, punters backed the Ballydoyle juvenile into 2-7 for the Group 2 Airlie Stud Stakes back at the Curragh just eight days on.

And they duly got their return, a three-quarter-length margin from Green Empress being scant reflection of the favourite's superiority. That success made an ascent to the highest level the next logical move and Sun Goddess returned to the Phoenix Stakes last Sunday week, giving Folsom Blues a beating by a length and a quarter.

There's a 7lb penalty to carry here but Sun Goddess sets the standard the others have to aim for and is expected to go in again.

Tokaido is putting together a tidy CV in France and is feared, in company with **Satellite Of Love** and **Vollering**.

ITEM SHOWS ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN

FESTIVAL BELL-TERS

Revealing tales and top tips from ITV Racing's Oli Bell

YORK got underway with a bang in the Juddmonte International and the race that promised so much served up a surprise result for many (but not for Newsboy!).

Item's win, getting up in the shadows of the post, is the definition of horses for courses with all his best runs coming on the Knavesmire.

While many people, including me, thought it would be a duel between the top two in the betting it just goes to show that anything can happen.

> The race that promised so much served up a surprise

It's Ladies Day today and the rain dances that a lot of people have been doing recently will be answered this morning with a heavy downpour anticipated.

That will play a big part on the ground and it may therefore pay to look for horses who have form with soft in the going.

BELL'S BANKERS

IN the feature race, the Group One Yorkshire Oaks (3.35), **KALPANA** was always talked about as a soft ground filly but she's been versatile in recent seasons.

Having won a brilliant renewal of the King George at Ascot last time out, she brings the best form into the race by quite some way and a reproduction of her recent runs will make her very hard to beat.

1.50: A larger field then normal has assembled for the Lowther. It is wide open and **WILD BLOSSOM** could represent a bit of value. She was very good at Goodwood last time out and is high class.

2.25: In the hugely valuable Goffs Harry's Half Million, all the talk will be about Sun Goddess but I'm taking her on with **TOKAIDO** who has a better draw.

3.00: This race is named after Sir Kevin Sinfield's latest super human challenge. What an inspiration he is and it's a great touch of York and Sky Bet to recognise this.

William Knight's **CHECKANDCHALLENGE** can outrun his odds at a massive price. The trainer needs this to win for me having driven off when I asked him for a lift out of the racecourse yesterday. No pressure Billy!

4.10: SUMMERSON bolted up when winning her last start and falls in the 'could be anything' bracket. She's priced up at double-figure odds and may represent some value.

■ ***OLI BELL is a Sky Bet brand ambassador.***

POT OF GOLD

NEIL RANDON'S Placepot fancies

BE IN RIGHT PLACE

1.50

STAR OF STATE was a nine-length winner on her second start. **LIVENKA** has won her last two. Impressive on the most recent outing. **CROWNBREAKER** can bounce back after stumbling in the Molecomb at Goodwood.

SELECTIONS: STAR OF STATE, LIVENKA, CROWNBREAKER

2.25

Well-drawn **SATELLITE OF LOVE** has won his two runs well for Clive Cox (below), who has been successful in the last three renewals.

Stablemate **PRIDE OF TOLEDO** trounced an odds-on shot on his second start.

SELECTIONS: SATELLITE OF LOVE, PRIDE OF TOLEDO

3.00

CENTIGRADE came off a 601-day break to score at Southwell in June. **THE LOST KING** was a course-and-distance winner last month.

SELECTIONS: CENTIGRADE, THE LOST KING

3.35

JOHANNA WALSH destroyed the field to win the Irish Oaks.

SELECTION: JOHANNA WALSH

4.10

Three-time handicap victor **MORROPHORE** has Ryan Moore in the saddle. **A LA PROCHAINE** was fourth in the Oaks last time and has the ground in her favour.

SELECTIONS: MORROPHORE, A LA PROCHAINE

4.45

REVELS won on nursery debut at Goodwood last time for Karl Burke. Improving **PERFECT NATION** is on a hat-trick.

SELECTIONS: REVELS, PERFECT NATION

PLACEPOT PLAN: 48 lines at £0.25 = £12

3.00 SIR KEVIN SINFIELD 7 IN 7 GRAND FINALE STAKES

(2) (3YO+) 1m £77,310 (17 run) ITV/RTV

A BLUE CHIP PERFORMER

NEWSBOY'S 1-2-3

1 BLUE BROTHER
2 THE LOST KING
3 ARCTIC DAWN

BLUE BROTHER didn't come up to expectations at Glorious Goodwood but is worth another chance.

Only 3-1 favourite Indalo preceded the Hamad Al Jehani-saddled five-year-old in the betting for the 18-runner Golden Mile on the South Downs – Blue Brother went off the 5-1 second choice.

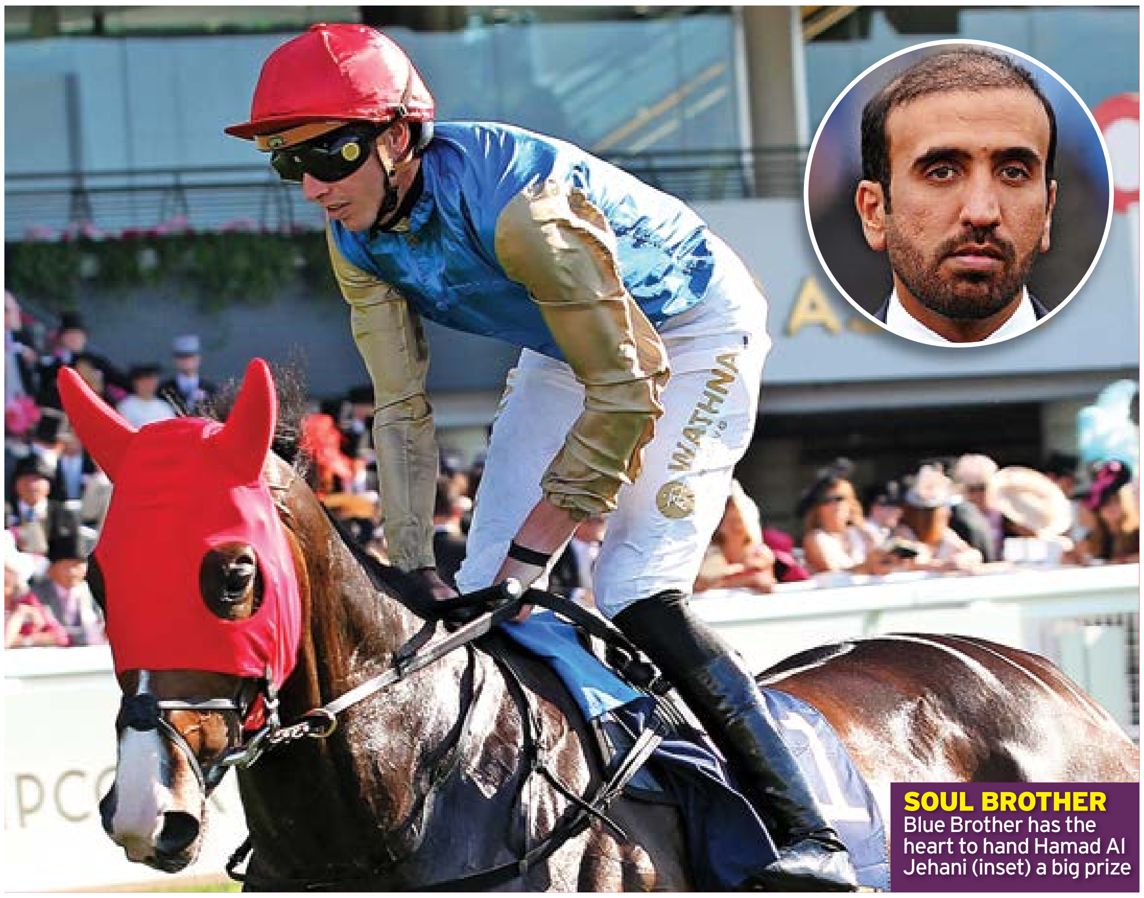
Leading early on under James Doyle, the gelded son of Intello raced in second before fading through the final furlong to pass the post in eighth place behind his winning stablemate Archivist.

A reproduction of that form will send his backers home with empty pockets, but Blue Brother is better judged on his stable debut, and first outing for exactly a year, at Royal Ascot the previous month.

Backed into 9-2 joint-favouritism for the seven-furlong Buckingham Palace Handicap, Blue Brother racednfinished with gusto to take fourth, beaten two necks and three-quarters of a length, behind **Mezcala**.

Rain wouldn't be an issue for a horse who has scored on heavy ground and, with the decision to stay at a mile almost certainly the correct one, Blue Brother is well capable of showing to the fore.

In an open heat, defending champion **Bullet Point** was back to form at the Shergar Cup and has podium claims, along with **The Lost King** and **Arctic** Dawn.



SOUL BROTHER Blue Brother has the heart to hand Hamad Al Jehani (inset) a big prize

1	(11)	67-942	**POINT LYNAS** (25) (CD) (EW)	E Bethell	7 9-12	C Rodriguez	113 G	9-4 (9-7) Led, pushed along 2f out, ridden and headed over 1f out, kept on but always held, 2nd of 6, ¾l behind Holloway Boy (9-7) at Pontefract 1m Listed stks (1) gf
2	(1)	-31061	**ARCTIC DAWN** (12)	D & C Kubler	5 9-10	H Crouch	108 G	11-2 (10-0) Wore hood to post, stayed on strongly final furlong, led near finish, won at Newmarket 7f hcp 0-100 (2) gf beating Castle Rock (8-11) by ½l, 10 ran
3	(9)	258429	**CERULEAN BAY** (12) (D)	D O'Meara	5 9-9	D Tudhope	113 FM	7-1 (10-1) Dwelt slightly, towards rear, lost touch 2f out, 9th of 10, 11l behind Crown Board (9-12) at Ascot 1m hcp 0-105 (2) gf
4	(8)	21/1	**CENTIGRADE** (63) (D) (SF)	R Beckett	4 9-6	Rossa Ryan	99 H	6-4fav (10-7) Took keen hold, went clear inside final furlong, readily, won at Southwell 1m nov stk (4) in Jun beating Star Of The Desert (8-13) by 2¾l, 13 ran
5	(15)	213401	**THE LOST KING** (40) (CD)	A Balding	4 9-6	O Murphy	112 G	3-1fav (9-7) Wore red hood to post, kept on well, always doing enough, won at York 1m hcp 105 (2) gf in Jul beating Mr Swivell (9-1) by 1¼l, 13 ran
6	(10)	70-702	**BULLET POINT** (12) (BF, CD) (F)	W Haggas	5 9-5	T Marquand	107 G	7-2fav (9-10) Chased leaders, pushed along over 1f out, stayed on but no match for winner, 2nd of 10, 4l behind Crown Board (9-12) at Ascot 1m hcp 0-105 (2) gf
7	(6)	9-0603	**CHECKANDCHALLENGE** (40) (D)	W Knight	7 9-3	C Shepherd	113 G	8-1 (9-11) Dwelt, rear mid-division, edged right and ran on one pace final furlong, 3rd of 13, 4l behind The Lost King (9-7) at York 1m hcp 105 (2) gf in Jul
8	(5)	/60-48	**BLUE BROTHER** (20) (D)	H Al Jehani (UAE)	5 9-2	James Doyle	113 GF	5-1 (9-5) Went to post early in hood, ridden 2f out, faded final furlong, 8th of 18, 4½l behind Archivist (9-12) at Goodwood 1m hcap (2) gf in Jul
9	(12)	11-726	**ETERNAL FORCE** (56) (BF, D)	W Haggas	4 9-2	D Browne McMonagle	112 GS	5-2fav (9-9) Midfield, asked for effort over 2f out, no impression, 6th of 9, 6l behind Will Scarlet (9-8) at Newcastle 1m 2f hcp 0-100 (2) in Jun
10	(17)	7-1310	**MEZCALA** (26) (D)	J Channon	4 9-2	W Buick	112 GF	9-2 (9-8) Wore red hood to post, mid-division, pushed along well over 1f out, never on terms, 12th of 16, 4½l behind Amazing Journey (8-10) at Ascot 7f hcap (2) gf
11	(7)	060757	**HAWKSBILL** (20) (D)	R Spencer	4 8-11	G Wood	111 FM	25-1 (9-0) Midfield, ridden over 1f out, soon edged right and kept on, no danger, 7th of 18, 3½l behind Archivist (9-12) at Goodwood 1m hcap (2) gf in Jul
12	(16)	100799	**MIRSKY** (19) (BF, D)	D O'Meara	7 8-11	M Winn	107 S	3-1fav (9-7) Chased leaders, no telling impression when not much room over 110yds out, 9th of 11, 3l behind Witch Hunter (9-2) at Thirsk 1m hcp 105 (2) gd
13	(4)	56-070	**NIZAM** (63) (D)	I Williams	4 8-10	C Lee	110 GS	100-1 (9-1) Wore hood to post, raced near side, midfield, ridden over 1f out, made no impression, 13th of 28, 8l behind Mezcala (9-1) at Royal Ascot 7f hcp 105 (2) gf
14	(2)	9-0923	**YORKSHIRE** (12)	E Bethell	6 8-10	P J McDonald	115 GF	11-1 (9-13) Went to post early in hood, kept on same pace and lost second entering final 110yds, 3rd of 13, 3½l off Arctic Thunder (9-9) at Haydock 1m hcp 0-95 (3) gd
15	(13)	-90213	**AALTO** (26)	I Williams	6 8-8	S Osborne	114 G	14-1 (9-0) Wore red hood to post, pushed along over 1f out and kept on, not quite pace to challenge, 3rd of 16, 1½l behind Amazing Journey (8-10) at Ascot 7f hcap (2) gf
16	(14)	1-8367	**SPELL MASTER** (19)	Oli Rix	4 8-7	R Dawson	113 GF	4-1 (9-9) Mid-division, still going okay but not clear run 2f out, kept on same pace, 7th of 15, 3½l behind Crest of Fire (9-6) at Goodwood 1m 1f hcp 0-95 (3) gf
17	(3)	-70602	**THE ANGEL KING** (18)	I Williams	4 8-7	E Greatrex ●	116 GF	22-1 (9-5) Chased leaders, ridden over 2f out, headed well inside final furlong, 2nd of 10, 1l behind Dance In The Storm (9-11) at Chester 7f hcp 0-100 (2) gd

BETTING: 4 Centigrade, 11-2 Bullet Point, 7 Mezcala, 8 The Lost King, Blue Brother, 12 Point Lynas, Eternal Force, Aalto.

2025: BULLET POINT 4 9 12, Tom Marquand 15-8 Fav (W Haggas), drawn (3), 17 ran.

STATS OF THE DAY

William Haggas and **Cieren Fallon** have a 38 per cent strike rate when teaming up at **Newcastle** for a level-stake profit of £83.71pts. So look out for **QUEEN'S HAME (6.54)**. **G Hanmer** and **Sean Bowen** have a 70 per cent strike rate together at **Stratford** – seven wins from 10 runners for a level-stake profit of £21.07pts. So look out for **SIR TIVO** (6.36).

TODAY'S FAB 4 TIPS

NORTHERNER'S NAP
TOCA MADERA
(1.50 York)

TOPSPOT
SUN GODDESS
(2.25 York)

NEWMARKET'S BEST
LAKE COMP
(7.30 Kempton)

SPEEDHORSE
A LA PROCHAINE
(4.10 York)

LIBERTANGO'S PRIMED TO DANCE TO SUCCESS

GEORGE BOUGHEY

The top trainer on his York runners today

I HAVE four runners at York today, headed by **LIBERTANGO** in the Group 2 Lowther Stakes (1.50).

Things didn't go her way in the Duchess of Cambridge at Newmarket, but I'm hopeful a slick six furlongs here will suit better.

Stall 15 isn't ideal, but there looks enough pace around us to take us into the race. She's had a faultless preparation and has been training super.

Billy [Loughnane] knows her very well and I'm bullish about her chances.

We have two running in the nursery handicap (4.45).

This has been the plan for a while for **PERFECT NATION** and he has thrived since the breeze-ups. Stall four is a nice draw. He jumps and travels well, and the ground could suit. And **MIRZIMAAN** is in the same race. He's progressive and has done very well physically.

Still raw, he'll likely be better next year, but he should have won last time and is well handicapped.

Perfect Nation has the better draw, but both have solid chances.

TRYST runs in the last (5.20) and has been a revelation since dropping to seven furlongs.

She's up 6lbs in a tougher race but is in the form of her life.

She likes better ground and has a decent draw.

Hopefully there's not too much rain.

■ ***GEORGE BOUGHEY is a Star Sports ambassador***

YOU'VE BEEN 'ANGO-ED Billy Loughane wins at Royal Ascot on board Libertango

3.35 LEGENDS GLOBAL YORKSHIRE OAKS

(GP 1) (1) (3YO+) 1m4f £340,260 (9) ITV/RTV

ANNA FROM HEAVEN Johanna Walsh is primed to upset the odds

FLOW JOH TO PUT ON SHOW

NEWSBOY'S 1-2-3
1 JOHANNA WALSH
2 KALPANA
3 INIS MOR

JOHANNA WALSH is the value alternative to hot favourite **Kalpana**.

Joseph O'Brien hasn't taken long to establish himself as a major player at the highest level, and the same can be said of Johanna Walsh.

Third in fillies' maidens at Thurles and Gowran Park either side of the seasonal break, Sea The Stars' daughter made it third time lucky with victory at Leopardstown before her sights were raised to Group level.

First up was the Group 2 Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot, for which my selection went off at 9-1 in a field of 12. Never far from the action under Dylan Browne McMonagle, she straightened for home in front but was unable to hold off **Earth Shot.**

The pair reopposed in the Irish Oaks at the Curragh a month later but this time it was Johanna Walsh who came out on top, moving smoothly into the lead two furlongs out before shooting four lengths clear of **Inis Mor**, with **Sparan Nua** third and Earth Shot only sixth.

That emphatic triumph is unlikely to be Johanna Walsh's last in the top tier, especially with more to come on the sixth start of her life.

Kalpana comes here on the back of a thrilling King George VI And Queen Elizabeth Stakes success and is greatly respected, with defending champion **Minnie Hauk** and **Legacy Link** also in the mix

1 (6) 71-121 **KALPANA** (26) (D) (SF)
A Balding 5 9-9 **C T Keane** ●124 G
13-2 (9-6) Mid-division, led well over 1f out and edged right, ridden over 1f out and stayed on resolutely, won at Ascot 1m 4f Grp 1 (1) gf beating Calandagan (9-9) by 1½l

2 (4) 6-1528 **MINNIE HAUK** (26) (CD) (F)
A P O'Brien (IRE) 4 9-9 **R L Moore** 122 GS
17-2 (9-6) Tracked leader, pushed along and led 3f out, headed 2f out and weakened tamely, 8th of 9, 18l behind Kalpana (9-6) at Ascot 1m 4f Grp 1 (1) gf in Jul

3 (1) 335-11 **TATTYCORAM** (47) (D)
R Beckett 4 9-9 **E Greatrex** 112 GF
11-2 (9-7) Chased leading pair, ridden to lead inside final furlong, soon went clear, readily, won at Newmarket 1m 4f Grp 2 flls (1) gf in Jul beating Tiffany (9-7) by 4½l

4 (8) 2-1216 **EARTH SHOT** (33) (BF, D)
W Haggas 3 9-0 **James Doyle** 108 GF
9-4fav (9-2) Mid-division on inner, no extra, 6th of 10, 12l behind Johanna Walsh (9-2) at Curragh 1m 4f 3yo Fll Grp 1 (1) gf in Jul

5 (3) -40132 **INIS MOR** (33)
D Menuisier 3 9-0 **O Murphy** 111 FM
11-2 (9-2) Held up towards rear, 2nd early final furlong, no impression on winner, kept on one pace, 2nd of 10, 4l off Johanna Walsh (9-2) at Curragh 1m 4f 3yo Fll Grp 1 (1) gf

6 (7) 3-3121 **JOHANNA WALSH** (33) (D)
J P O'Brien (IRE) 3 9-0 **D Browne McMonagle** 117 FM
7-2 (9-2) Prominent early, reminder and 3 lengths advantage 1f out, kept on well, readily, won at Curragh 1m 4f 3yo Fll Grp 1 (1) gf in Jul beating Inis Mor (9-2) by 4l

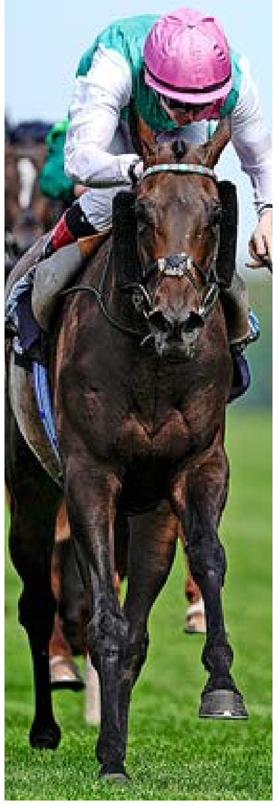
7 (2) 14-127 **LEGACY LINK** (63) (BF, C)
J & T Gosden 3 9-0 **W Buick** 115 G
13-8fav (9-2) Took keen hold, midfield, lost position when squeezed over 1f out, not recover, 7th of 12, 8l off Earth Shot (9-2) at Royal Ascot 1m 4f 3yo fll Grp 2 (1) gf

8 (9) 11134 **SPARAN NUA** (14) (BF, D)
J S Bolger (IRE) 3 9-0 **Rossa Ryan** 110 FM
6-4fav (9-2) Tracked leader, 2nd halfway, 4th and kept on one pace final 100 yards, 4th of 8, 3l behind Isaac Newton (9-2) at Leopardstown 1m Grp 3 (1) gd

9 (5) 91-430 **SUGAR ISLAND** (33)
A P O'Brien (IRE) 3 9-0 **R P Whelan** 106 G
20-1 (9-2) Disputed, led after 2f, headed 3f out, weakened quickly, last of 10, 31l behind Johanna Walsh (9-2) at Curragh 1m 4f 3yo Fll Grp 1 (1) gf in Jul

BETTING: 5-4 Kalpana, 7-2 Minnie Hauk, 4 Johanna Walsh, 12 Tattycoram, Legacy Link, 16 Inis Mor, 20 Earth Shot, 25 Sparan Nua, 66 Sugar Island.

2025: MINNIE HAUK 3 9 0, Ryan Moore 8-15 Fav (A P O'Brien(Ire)), drawn (4), 4 ran.



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Racing TV SUPER STATS

BIG CHANCE Joseph O'Brien

3.35 YORKSHIRE OAKS

TWELVE of the past 17 winners won on their previous start, which narrows the field down hugely.

That includes last year's winner **Minnie Hauk** (below) who has not been at her best this term, and has lots to find with **Kalpana**.

Andrew Balding's mare is the one to beat, but her best efforts have come at Ascot, and she looks short enough in the betting.

Three-year-olds – who receive lots of weight from their older rivals – have won 10 of the past 12 renewals, and preference is for the progressive **JOHANNA WALSH** for Joseph O'Brien.

Selection: **JOHANNA WALSH**

1.50 LOWTHER STAKES

THERE are many different routes to this Group Two, but the Princess Margaret Stakes at Ascot has been a race that three of the past 11 winners have taken in. Two of those won, while Living In The Past was a close third in 2019.

This year's winner **MOONRISE** appears underestimated.

She has been beaten only by one horse in her three starts and the third from Ascot – Velozee – has since been placed in a Group One.

Eleven of the past 15 winners were successful on their previous start, so she ticks that box, too.

Selection: **MOONRISE**

2.25 HARRY'S HALF MILLION BY GOFFS

HALF of the past 12 winners of this valuable race won last time out, but no winner had won a Group race, which counts against **Tokaido** and **Sun Goddess**.

Clive Cox has won the past three renewals and his unbeaten **SATELLITE OF LOVE** – whose Newbury win is working out very well – can secure another big payday.

Selection: **SATELLITE OF LOVE**

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DAVID YATES

ON THE BEST OF YE

COLLECTOR

Heroic Balding star overcomes foot blister and traffic problems to win York thriller

THE LATE SHOW Item (left) and Colin Keane arrive late to beat Almaqam by a head in a dramatic Juddmonte International

ITEM soared over every obstacle put in his way for a heroic victory in the Juddmonte International.

Bookmakers offered 10-1 about the Andrew Balding-saddled son of Frankel in a Group 1 test billed as a clash between defending champion, five-year-old Ombudsman, and Constitution River, who gilded his three-year-old season with victories in the Prix du Jockey Club and Coral-Eclipse.

But even those double-figure odds took no account of the foot blister that nearly ruled Item out of the race – or the traffic problems he faced as it reached its climax.

Colin Keane found his path blocked twice on Item, who found daylight just in time to overhaul 14-1 shot Almaqam and Kieran Shoemark and score by a head, with 7-4 second favourite Constitution River three and a half lengths adrift in third and 5-6 hotpot Ombudsman a length back in fourth.

"We declared but, at the time of declaration, he wasn't running," admitted Balding, who had committed Item to the eight-runner field at 10am on Monday. "We just thought we'd give it time because they found a little blood blister on his foot.

"As soon as it popped he was pain-free and it wasn't a problem but the boys have worked super-hard on him."

Balding added: "I would have been gutted if he had got beaten because, to me, he's travelled like the best horse in the race and had to work a little harder to get his run. But he's very tough."

Item's only defeat in six career outings came on rain-softened ground in the Derby at Epsom in June and his win record includes three victories over York's mile and a quarter.

"It's a long way up here and it took every inch of the straight," said Colin Keane, No.1 jockey to Item's owner-breeder Juddmonte, sponsor of the £1.5m contest and a previous winner with Twice Over in 2011 and Frankel 12 months later. "He probably lacked a gear and had to come round them but I loved what he did in the last furlong – strong to the line."

Both Aidan O'Brien and John Gosden employed pacemakers for Constitution River and Ombudsman, but neither Action nor Devil's Advocate, both 200-1 outsiders, made it to the front.

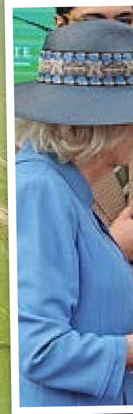
Ryan Moore and Constitution River chased stablemate Hawk Mountain into the straight before leading briefly three out as Ombudsman and William Buick attempted to make their ground from the rear.

And trainer O'Brien said: "It didn't work out as we thought."

After weeks of baking weather, Gosden lamented the heavy rain that hit York prior to the first race, turning the ground to good, good to soft in places. "He's not a soft-ground horse," said Gosden, who trains Ombudsman in partnership with his son Thady.

"He's got this explosive turn of foot and he couldn't use it."

> 'I would have been gutted if he had got beaten. But he's very tough'



Haggas has Cr

STERDAY'S ACTION

R'S ITEM

ROYAL APPROVAL Colin Keane is congratulated by Queen Camilla

ross to bear with his Voltigeur winner

MALTESE CROSS gave William Haggas the headache every trainer dreams of with a victory in the Group 2 Sky Bet Great Voltigeur Stakes.

The Derby runner-up (left), who went one better in the Group 1 Grand Prix de Paris at Longchamp last month, galloped to a two-length victory over Pierre Bonnard, with Epsom hero Christmas Day in third.

Now Yorkshireman Haggas must choose between the Betfred St Leger at Doncaster on September 12 or the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in Paris on October 4.

"Obviously one is world renowned, but the other is very prestigious to a Yorkshire-born, English trainer and owner," said Haggas.

Maltese Cross carries the colours of Snakes On A Plane director George Waud, who said: "I do like France!"

Aidan O'Brien, who will prepare both Pierre Bonnard and Christmas Day for the final Classic, is also likely to send Haffner to Doncaster after the two-year-old's win in the Group 3 Tattersalls Acomb Stakes.

"He could go for the Futurity Trophy and next year he'll have no problem with a mile and a quarter," said O'Brien, whose colt is a 14-1 shot for next year's 2,000 Guineas.

SAIL TO SUCCESS Cerulean Bay is in shipshape condition

O'MEARA FIELDS HORSE TO BEAT THE LEAN TIMES

VALUE SCOPE

STEVE JONES with FOUR top tips

KEEP the bookies at Bay with a course speciaist.

CERULEAN BAY (3.00) was runner-up in this one-mile handicap 12 months ago behind Bullet Point.

And he's run some more cracking races in competitive handicaps this year for trainer David O'Meara (below), including when runner-up over today's course and distance in May.

His second in the Golden Mile at Glorious was another splendid effort and it's not worth worrying about his Shergar Cup disappointment as he reared as the stalls opened. Have 1pt each-way at **20-1.** Most firms are offering five places.

PRIZELAND (4.10) lines up in the British EBF Sir Henry Cecil Galtres Stakes fillies' Listed contest with a progressive profile.

She twice landed all-weather novice races and, although she hasn't been able to strike in Listed class, she has come up against some smart prospects.

Her second behind Cameo in the Lingfield Oaks Trial was a good first try at this level and she ran even better when again runner-up in the Glasgow Stakes at Hamilton.

The winner of that race, Superior Choice, has the potential to be top class and Prizeland's proven stamina is an advantage as some of her rivals are trying this 1m4f trip for the first time. Have 1pt each-way at **14-1**. Most bookies are paying out on four places.

MIRZIMAAN (4.45) was a surprise winner of a big-field Newbury novice on his second start in July.

It was still far from a polished performance, as he showed his inexperience, and it was one that promised much for the future. He couldn't have gone much closer under a penalty when beaten a shorthead on the all-weather at Southwell.

Given the tiny margin of defeat and the fact he found trouble before finishing strongly, it's not hard to argue he was the best horse in the race.

He should also improve for today's step up to 7f for the first time. Have 1pt each-way at **10-1**. A couple of bookies are paying six places.

OOLONG POOBONG (5.20) had little chance for a low draw in the Kensington Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot on just her second start of the season.

She had looked a promising filly last year and, although she has been running well over a mile, her last victory came over today's 7f distance.

It could well all come together in this handicap. Have 1pt each-way at **20-1**. Sky Bet are offering six places.

4.10 BRITISH EBF AND SIR HENRY CECIL GALTRES STAKES (FILLIES & MARES LISTED) (1) (3YO+) 1m4f £56,710 (15 run) ITV/RTV

PHORE A SURE THING

MUCH MORR Morrophore is progressing fast for the Gosdens

NEWSBOY'S 1-2-3

1 MORROPHORE
2 A LA PROCHAINE
3 VAUNTINGLY

MORROPHORE, taking on Listed opposition on her first start for seven months, is interesting.

Nobody would describe the Kingman mare, trained by John and Thady Gosden (right), as equine poetry in motion – Morrophore flashes her tail and can look unwilling under pressure.

But only a hard audience would deny the five-year-old is a progressive performer as she has won four of her eight races.

Unraced at two, Morrophore landed a novice stakes for fillies at Wolverhampton as a three-year-old in October 2024, doubling up in the handicap sphere at Ascot the following May.

Ryan Moore's mount put a third win on her CV with a half-length call in the Winter Oaks Trial Fillies' Handicap over 10 furlongs at Lingfield last December.

And she returned to Surrey to capture the real thing in January, arriving just in the nick of time to edge out Sky Safari by a head.

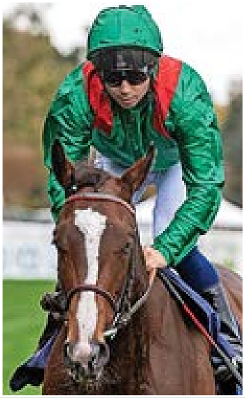
Although she takes a rise in class, Morrophore is the best horse in this race according to the BHA figures and the fact she is a half-sister to three winners over a mile and a half augurs well for this step up in distance.

A La Prochaine, a 10-length fourth to Thundering On in the Oaks on her latest outing, is taken to fight it out with **Vauntingly** and **Sunshine Star** for the minor medals.

1	(5)	119-27	**ASHARIBA** (55)	D Menuisier	5 9-9	S M Levey	102 S	*20-1 (9-7) Led, ridden and headed over 2f out, soon weakened, tailed off over 1f out, last of 7, 44l behind Botagoz (8-9) at Newcastle 1m 2f flls Group 3 (1) in Jun*
2	(12)	-44222	**CLUB CLASS** (33) (D)	J Fanshawe	4 9-9	M Ghiani	99 GF	*40-1 (9-6) Prominent, chased winner inside final furlong, kept on, 2nd of 9, 1l behind Brielle (9-6) at Newmarket 1m 4f fll lst stks (1) gf in Jul*
3	(11)	30-243	**MERVEILLEUX LAPIN** (27)	Owen Burrows	4 9-9	C Rodriguez	102 G	*7-1 (9-12) Midfield, went third over 2f out, lost second final furlong, kept on, 3rd of 9, 4½l behind Al Azd (9-5) at Ascot 1m 4f hcp 105 (2) gf in Jul*
4	(8)	3141-1	**MORROPHORE** (215) (SF)	J & T Gosden	5 9-9	R L Moore ●	110 ST	*6-5fav (9-12) Prominent, chased leaders inside 2f out ran on well final furlong, led final strides, won at Lingfield 1m 2f hcap (2) pol beating Sky Safari (9-10) by hd*
5	(3)	17-253	**PERFECT YOUR CRAFT** (43) (BF, D)	P Twomey (IRE)	4 9-9	W J Lee	98 G	*7-4fav (9-9) Rear of mid division, progress to go 2nd after 3f, kept on one pace inside final furlong, 3rd of 9, 7l off Floresta (9-9) at Fairyhouse 1m 6f flls Group 3 stks (1) gd*
6	(7)	513-42	**RHAPSODY** (33) (C) (F)	W Haggas	4 9-9	T Marquand	103 FM	*10-1 (9-5) Held up in touch on inner, 5th halfway, kept on to go 2nd close home, no chance with winner, 2nd of 8, 3½l off Moody (9-5) at Curragh 1m 2f flls Grp 3 (1) gf*
7	(10)	0121-6	**RYKA** (111) (D)	D O'Meara	4 9-9	D Tudhope	94 G	*10-1 (9-5) Led, ridden and headed over 1f out, weakened final furlong, 6th of 9, 10l behind Tattycoram (9-2) at Goodwood 1m 4f fll lst stks (1) gd in May*
8	(2)	1-34	**A LA PROCHAINE** (76)	R Beckett	3 9-0	James Doyle	106 G	*22-1 (9-2) Wore hood to post, edged left inside final furlong, kept on one pace, 4th of 9, 10l behind Thundering On (9-2) at Epsom Downs 1m 4f 3yo Fll Grp 1 (1) gs in Jun*
9	(15)	2-3213	**CAPICHERA** (31) (BF)	E Walker	3 9-0	K Shoemark	90 G	*5-6fav (9-9) Chased leader, ridden over 2f out, kept on inside final furlong, 3rd of 7, 1¼l behind Dream Camp (9-6) at Windsor 1m 2f flls hcp 0-85 (4) gf in Jul*
10	(6)	1-0387	**K SARRA** (33)	R Beckett	3 9-0	Rossa Ryan	104 G	*15-2 (8-9) Midfield, outpaced and dropped to wards rear over 2f out, weakened over 1f out, 7th of 9, 7l behind Brielle (9-6) at Newmarket 1m 4f fll lst stks (1) gf in Jul*
11	(9)	1-1252	**PRIZELAND** (34) (D)	A Balding	3 9-0	O Murphy	98 GF	*6-1 (9-2) Wore hood to post, midfield, headed 1f out, kept on but no match for winner, 2nd of 6, 1¾l behind Superior Choice (9-7) at Hamilton 1m 3f 3yo lst stk (1) gf in Jul*
12	(14)	221	**SUMMERSON** (23) (D) (EW)	R Varian	3 9-0	R Dawson	91 G	*11-10fav (9-2) Held up in rear, headway going strongly 2f out, very easily, won at Ffos Las 1m 4f fll mdn stks (3) gd in Jul beating Seacole (9-2) by 13l, 4 ran*
13	(1)	2-6124	**SUNSHINE STAR** (19)	J & T Gosden	3 9-0	B Loughnane	96 GF	*11-1 (8-13) Held up in rear, headway over 2f out, weakened inside final 110yds, 4th of 8, 4½l behind Romantic Symphony (8-13) at Newmarket 1m 4f fll lst stks (1) gf*
14	(4)	32212	**VAUNTINGLY** (26)	J P O'Brien (IRE)	3 9-0	D Browne McMonagle	98 G	*9-1 (9-0) Held up in 5th, 4th over 3f out, just failed, 2nd of 7, shd behind Nil Bua Gan Dua (9-5) at Gowran Park 1m 4f 3yo lst stk (1) gd in Jul*
15	(13)	1	**WITHOUT PREJUDICE** (20)	J & T Gosden	3 9-0	W Buick	88 G	*3-1 (9-2) Chased leaders, clear inside final furlong, promising, won at Newmarket 1m 2f fll nov stks (3) gf in Jul beating Aleatrix (9-9) by 4½l, 4 ran*

BETTING: 7-2 Morrophore, 5 Rhapsody, 11-2 A La Prochaine, 6 Without Prejudice, 7 Vauntingly, 12 Summerson, Prizeland, 16 Ryka, Club Class.

2025: CHARLOTTE'S WEB 4 9 9, Daniel Tudhope 11-4 JtFav (S & E Crisford), drawn (3), 9 ran.



FAST SHOW Rayevka prefers quick ground

Rain's a blow to Rayevka

RAIN at York has hit Rayevka's hopes of victory in tomorrow's Coolmore City Of Troy Nunthorpe Stakes.

Wesley Ward admits rain-softened conditions represent an unknown for favourite Bacio and connections of Rayevka are also hoping for a dry run-up to the five-furlong Group 1.

The filly, trained by Francis Graffard (right), showed her suitability for fast ground when finishing a head second to Mission Central in the Group 1 King Charles III Stakes at Royal Ascot in June.

And Nemone Routh, racing manager to Rayevka's owner-breeder, the Aga Khan Studs, said: "She's a top-of-the-ground filly – that's why she's run so well at Ascot when it's been rattling fast.

"She's a typical Blue Point – she loves the firm ground – and we hope that the rain stays off a bit tomorrow.

I think she can handle the soft side of good. It's just at this level you need to have everything in your favour.

"But we're coming, she's consistent and she's in great form."

Mickaël Barzalona's mount will begin her challenge from stall 12 of 18, with Molecomb Stakes winner Pershaada (11) and last year's Commonwealth Cup heroine Time For Sandals (13) on either side.

"Mickaël saw the draw when we arrived and he said, 'As long as you've got good horses around you, you should be OK,'" added Routh.

LIVENKA LOOKS A KEANE PICK

WINNER MACHINE

BY **BRYAN WALKER**

COLIN KEANE should be celebrating a big-race double on day two of York's Ebor meeting.

Kalpana is likely to justify favouritism in the feature Yorkshire Oaks.

But in the opening event of the day, **LIVENKA** can give Juddmonte's retained jockey another success in the Sky Bet Lowther Stakes (1.50).

Her trainer Ger Lyons is a rare visitor to the UK these days and only makes the journey when he thinks he has a serious chance.

This daughter of Bated Breath looked way above average in winning the valuable Ballyhane Stakes at Naas, quickening clear in impressive style.

The filly's only two defeats came against two of Aidan O'Brien's top juveniles and in winning her maiden at Fairyhouse last time out, she beat the reopposing Star Of State who won by nine lengths next time up.

She can now make her presence felt in a higher grade.

The Sir Kevin Sinfield 7 In 7 Grand Finale Handicap (3.00) looks a tricky puzzle to solve but **THE LOST KING** may just provide the answer.

CANNY Ger Lyons

The Andrew Balding-trained four-year-old was successful twice on the all-weather early on in the year with Oisin Murphy up top.

He was poorly placed at Royal Ascot from a difficult draw but wasted no time getting back on the up when scoring over this C&D in July, beating Mr Swivell by a length under PJ McDonald.

And he impressed with how he travelled in that race so earns the nod this time, with Murphy back on board.

Charlie Johnston's **TELEGRAPHIC** was unlucky not to make it record a second victory from three starts last time out.

After impressing when thrashing Better Nature at Brighton by seven lengths, the son of Kameko just failed to give 6lb to Keep Grating at Yarmouth.

But he is weighted to at least be competitive on his nursery debut in the Mews Hotel Ossett EBF Stallions Nursery Handicap (4.45) and looks well drawn among the pace, so is a tentative choice to pick up some each-way money.

TODAY'S SELECTIONS

Livenka
1.50 York
The Lost King
3,00 York
Telegraphic (e/w)
4.45 York

LIV THE DREAM Livenka can show her class in today's opener

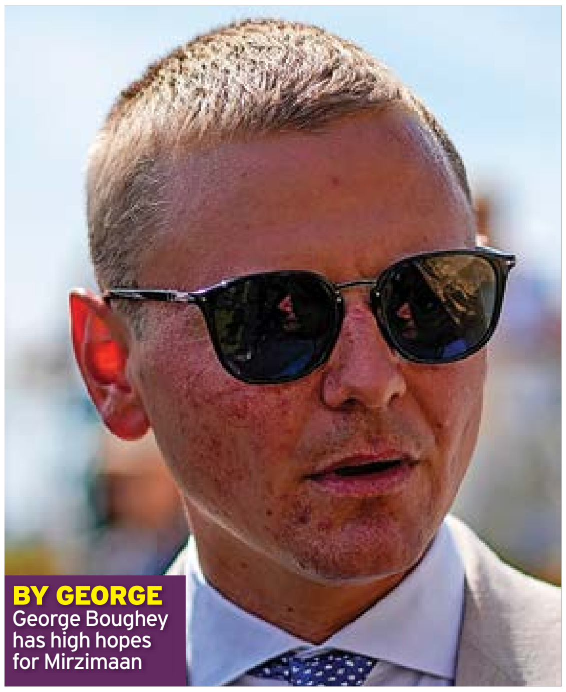
4.45 MEWS HOTEL OSSETT EBF STALLIONS NURSERY H'CAP

(2) (2YO) 7f Winner £51,540 (22 run) RTV

MAAN OF THE MOMENT

NEWSBOY'S 1-2-3

1 MIRZIMAAN
2 PERFECT NATION
3 TELEGRAPHIC


BY GEORGE George Boughey has high hopes for Mirzimaan

MIRZIMAAN receives the vote to prove well treated as he makes his debut in the handicap milieu.

There is plenty to like about my selection's pedigree as his sire Mohaather was a Group 1-winning miler.

His dam Altaayshah didn't make it to the track but is a sister to star sprinter Battaash.

His blue-blooded ancestry counted for nothing when Mirzimaan trailed home last of 13 when a 16-1 chance for a six-furlong novice stakes at Newmarket in May.

But my selection clearly learned plenty from that experience as 55 days later, Mirzimaan took on 17 opponents for a similar event at Newbury and beat them all, containing Minster Boy by a length and a quarter. And he was unlucky not to follow up under a penalty at Newcastle on his most recent outing.

There, George Boughey's charge found trouble in running before he steamed home for a short-head second to Asander.

The step up from six furlongs to seven is a plus, and an opening BHA mark of 82 there for the taking.

Dangers lurk at every turn in this full-field nursery, with **Perfect Nation**, **Revels**, **Telegraphic** and **Bymiddaytomorrow** just four juveniles whose best days lie ahead of them.

1 (13) 15177 **BIG CIGAR** (1) (C)
R & P Fahey 9-9 **E Tindall (5)** 91 G
33-1 (9-3) In rear, switched right over 2f out, hung left and no impression from over 1f out, 8¼l behind Haffner (9-3) at York 7f 2yo Grp 2 (1) gd yesterday

2 (20) 191 **REVELS** (20) (D)
K R Burke 9-5 **S James** 95 GF
11-1 (9-6) Raced near side, midfield, won at Goodwood 6f 2yo hcp (2) gf in Jul beating Dubai Champion (9-4) by shd, 18 ran

3 (2) 51319 **SHADOW KING** (21) (D)
R Hannon 9-4 **S M Levey** 96 G
9-1 (9-13) Bumped leaving stalls, plugged on final furlong, never dangerous, 9th of 18, 6l behind Sword Salute (9-8) at Goodwood 7f 2yo hcp (2) gf in Jul

4 (4) 211 **PERFECT NATION** (16) (D)
G Boughey 9-3 **B Loughnane** 88 G
13-8fav (9-11) Handy on inner, pushed along and led over 1f out, ridden out and always doing enough, won at Ffos Las 7f 2yo nov stk (3) gd beating George Cross (9-4) by 1l

5 (5) 12 **SOLDIER OF THE SEA** (30) (BF)
W Knight 9-1 **H Crouch** 88 G
6-4fav (9-9) Tracked leaders, pressed winner final furlong, held near finish, 2nd of 5, 1½l behind Gentle Hurricane (9-2) at Salisbury 6f 2yo nov stk (4) gf in Jul

6 (16) 311 **WELEYFF** (19) (D)
E Bethell 9-1 **Oisin Orr** 95 G
5-4fav (9-8) Wore hood to post, reduced advantage towards finish but always doing enough, won at Doncaster 7f 2yo hcp 0-85 (4) gf beating Lincoln Warrior (9-2) by 1¼l

7 (21) 222 **RISING TIGER** (24) (BF) (F)
A Balding 8-13 **O Murphy** 96 GF
8-15fav (9-7) Handy on inner, kept on to press leader closing stages, always just held, 2nd of 12, nk behind Roosike (9-2) at Southwell 7f nov stks (2) in Jul

8 (1) 15305 **MY A'ALI BABA** (8)
P Evans 8-12 **S Osborne** 92 G
50-1 (9-3) Shifted left start, tracked leaders, pushed along well over 2f out, weakened 2f out, 5th of 6, 14l behind Quest For Stars (9-3) at Salisbury 1m 2yo lst stk (1) gf

9 (7) 65811 **BYMIDDAYTOMORROW** (13) (D)
E Walker 8-12 **T Marquand** 92 GF
11-8fav (9-12) Raced in third, ridden over 1f out, led final furlong, always doing enough, won at Thirsk 7f 2yo hcp 0-75 (5) gd beating Love Tanya (9-6) by hd, 6 ran

10 (10) 01022 **THE GINGER KID** (21)
E Walker 8-12 **K Shoemark** 96 GF
11-1 (9-5) Carried left leaving stalls, kept on well final furlong, went second post, 2nd of 18, 2l behind Sword Salute (9-8) at Goodwood 7f 2yo hcp (2) gf in Jul

11 (11) 012 **MIRZIMAAN** (26) (BF)
G Boughey 8-11 **W Buick** 92 SS
7-4fav (9-8) Wore hood to post, ridden inside final furlong, ran on strongly near line, just denied, 2nd of 14, shd behind Asander (9-4) at Newcastle 6f nov stks (4) in Jul

12 (14) 412 **TELEGRAPHIC** (18) (D)
C Johnston 8-11 **C Shepherd** 97 GF
2-1 (9-10) Led, pushed along 2f out and forged on, ridden and edged left 1f out, 2nd of 9, nk behind Keep Grating (9-4) at Yarmouth 7f 2yo nov stk (2) gf

13 (12) 4315 **CAERULEUS** (21) (EW)
J Butler 8-10 **David Egan** 95 GF
14-1 (9-4) Chased leaders, ridden over 1f out, hung right 1f out, kept on one pace final furlong, 5th of 18, 2¾l behind Sword Salute (9-8) at Goodwood 7f 2yo hcp (2) gf

14 (9) 136 **MIA FANTASIA** (21) (BF, D) (SF)
H Palmer 8-8 **M Ghiani** 95 GF
2-1fav (9-2) Held up towards rear, ridden and still plenty to do 2f out, never nearer, 6th of 18, 4l behind Sword Salute (9-8) at Goodwood 7f 2yo hcp (2) gf in Jul

15 (8) 321 **ROOSIKE** (24) (D)
R Hughes 8-8 **J Leavy** 93 SF
13-2 (9-2) Made all, pushed along over 2f out, ran on and ridden over 1f out drifting right, won at Southwell 7f nov stks (2) in Jul beating Rising Tiger (9-7) by nk, 12 ran

16 (22) 902231 **KOODINI** (29) (D)
H Palmer 8-3 **A Brookes** 94 GF
7-4 (9-4) Took keen hold, pressed leader, kept on and led outright towards finish, won at Catterick 7f 2yo hcp 0-75 (5) gf in Jul beating Bigalo (8-13) by ½l, 4 ran

17 (19) 9230 **HIGH HAZARD** (21)
H Palmer 8-2 **C Hardie** 96 G
40-1 (8-11) Midfield, ridden over 1f out, soon weakened, 16th of 18, 11l behind Sword Salute (9-8) at Goodwood 7f 2yo hcp (2) gf in Jul

18 (6) 422 **REGAL TIGER** (31) (BF)
H Palmer 8-2 **A Mullen** 94 G
7-4fav (9-1) Prominent, pushed along over 2f out, always held, 2nd of 6, ½l behind Keep Kicking On (9-9) at Windsor 6f 2yo hcp 0-85 (4) gf in Jul

19 (15) 55143 **THEHEATISON** (12)
Nick Scholfield 8-2 **S De Sousa** 93 G
33-1 (8-9) Held up in touch, ridden over 1f out, progress into third final 110yds, not reach leaders, 3rd of 7, 1¼l off Eabha (9-5) at Newmarket 7f 2yo hcp 0-85 (4) gf

20 (18) 5662 **HIGH CALIBRE** (14)
R Hannon 8-2 **S D Bowen** 95 G
10-3 (9-2) Led, pressed for lead and ridden 2f out, soon headed, always held towards finish, 2nd of 5, 1¼l off Woodhay Wayfarer (9-2) at Newmarket 1m 2yo hcp 0-75 (5) gf

21 (17) 65370 **RBFLYING** (21)
T Easterby 8-2 **D Fentiman** ●98 G
125-1 (8-9) Prominent, pressed winner 2f out, ridden over 1f out, faded inside final furlong, 12th of 18, 8l behind Sword Salute (9-8) at Goodwood 7f 2yo hcp (2) gf

22 (3) 3551 **FASTHOPE** (44)
B Ellison 8-2 **T K-Marshall (5)** 90 GF
13-2 (9-8) Wore hood to post, held up in rear, headway final 110yds, led post, won at Pontefract 6f 2yo hcp 0-65 (6) gd in Jul beating Poppy Foxy (9-9) by nk, 8 ran

BETTING: 9-2 Mia Fantasia, 5 Rising Tiger, 6 Weleyff, 7 Revels, Perfect Nation, 10 Mirzimaan, 12 Soldier Of The Sea, The Ginger Kid.
2025: STELLAR SUNRISE 9 7, Oisin Murphy 10-3 Fav (A Balding), drawn (19), 18 ran.

5.20 BRITISH EBF FILLIES' HANDICAP

(2) (3YO+) 7f Winner £51,540 (21 run) RTV

1 (4) 119116 **BELLARCHI** (44) (D)
G Tuer 5 10-0 **P-L Jamin** 98 G
9-2 (9-5) Tracked leaders, pushed along 2f out, weakened final furlong, 6th of 12, 6l behind Radiant Beauty (9-2) at Pontefract 1m fll lst stks (1) gd in Jul

2 (6) -11055 **ROYAL VELVET** (22) (CD)
W Knight 5 9-12**Conor Whiteley (5)** 103 G
20-1 (9-9) Wore hood to post, kept on final furlong, no danger, 5th of 13, 4½l behind Flora Of Bermuda (9-9) at Goodwood 7f flls Group 3 stks (1) gf in Jul

3 (17) 2-6050 **MUBASIMAH** (62) (D)
A Balding 3 9-5 **P J McDonald** 100 G
28-1 (9-8) Wore hood to post, ridden and headed 2f out, soon weakened, 23rd of 30, 21l behind Green Carrera (8-8) at Royal Ascot 1m 3yo fll hcp 0-105 (2) gf in Jun

4 (1) 14321- **LAM YAI** (299)
K R Burke 3 9-3 **C Lee** 96 G
7-4fav (8-12) Close up, pushed along and led over 2f out, always doing enough, won at Doncaster 6f 2yo lst stk (1) hvy in Oct beating Figjam (8-12) by 1½l, 7 ran

5 (16) 1-1700 **JUST CALL ME ANGEL** (23) (D)
E Dunlop 3 9-1 **Rossa Ryan** 105 G
50-1 (9-7) In rear, ridden over 1f out, never involved, 11th of 14, 6l behind Rumba Numba (9-7) at Goodwood 1m flls hcp 0-95 (3) gd in Jul

6 (12) 427611 **TRYST** (19) (D)
G Boughey 3 9-0 **B Loughnane** 103 GF
5-1 (9-11) Made all, set steady pace quickened well over 1f out, ran on well, readily, won at Newmarket 7f 3yo hcp 0-85 (4) gf beating Lion of Mali (8-11) by 1¾l, 6 ran

7 (18) 4411 **CARNIVAL OF LIGHT** (20) (D)
C Johnston 4 9-0 **O Stammers** 105 ST
11-4fav (10-1) In touch with leaders, much reduced lead inside final 110yds, just held on, won at Wolverhampton 7f fll hcp (4) in Jul beating Inside Story (9-3) by nk

8 (19) 42-289 **BELLA LYRA** (75)
R Hughes 3 8-13 **F Marsh** 100 ST
25-1 (8-8) Saved ground,weakened, last of 9, 8l behind Darya (8-8) at Santa Anita(USA) 1m 3yo stk gd in Jun

9 (7) 214-50 **OOLONG POOBONG** (64) (D) (EW)
E Bethell 4 8-13 **Oisin Orr** 105 G
11-1 (8-9) Wore hood to post, switched to near side start, always behind, 20th of 24, 18l behind Alobayyah (8-11) at Royal Ascot 1m hcap (2) gf in Jun

10 (13) 746467 **FIGJAM** (12)
K Scott 3 8-11 **R Dawson** 106 GF
11-1 (9-11) Chased leaders, pushed along 2f out, weakened 1f out, 7th of 9, 9l behind Red Spells Danger (9-11) at Ascot 6f 3yo hcp 0-100 (2) gf

11 (21) 051544 **BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU** (23)
B Haslam 4 8-11 **A Mullen** 104 G
33-1 (9-3) Wore red hood to post, no extra well inside final furlong, 4th of 20, 3l behind Sing The Blues (8-11) at Goodwood 6f flls hcp 0-95 (3) gd in Jul

12 (3) 12-4 **CAIM** (86) (D)
E Bethell 3 8-10 **D Tudhope** 99 S
11-4 (9-7) Wore hood to start, weakened approaching final 110yds, last of 4, 11l behind Harlequin Breeze (9-2) at Leicester 1m nov stk (4) gf in May

13 (10) 1-3215 **ALBAYDAA** (57) (BF, D) (F)
W Haggas 3 8-10 **T Marquand** 100 GF
2-1fav (9-2) A little slow away, rear of mid-division, lacked pace to get on terms, 5th of 10, 2½l behind Ellusive Butterfly (9-5) at Carlisle 7f 3yo lst fll (1) gf in Jun

14 (8) 464207 **PERFECT PART** (33)
B Ellison 4 8-9 **T K-Marshall (5)** ●107 GS
15-2 (9-11) In touch with leaders, headed entering final furlong, soon faded, 7th of 9, 4l behind Egoli (9-6) at Doncaster 7f hcp 0-90 (3) gf in Jul

15 (9) 61126 **MACHADADORP** (23) (BF, D)
A Balding 3 8-9 **O Murphy** 102 G
5-1fav (9-0) Mid-division in centre, pushed along 2f out, kept on, never a danger, 6th of 20, 4l behind Sing The Blues (8-11) at Goodwood 6f flls hcp 0-95 (3) gd in Jul

16 (15) 211 **STARLIGHT LASS** (43) (SF)
J & T Gosden 3 8-8 **S Osborne** 104 GF
6-5 (9-9) Took keen hold, made all, going best 2f out, ridden over 1f out, pushed out, won at Yarmouth 1m fll nov stks (4) gf in Jul beating Raneem (9-9) by 2¼l, 3 ran

17 (20) 0-1693 **STARFINCH** (28)
Harry Eustace 3 8-7 **G Wood** 103 G
14-1 (9-10) Raced in last pair, ridden over 1f out, kept on final furlong, just held, 3rd of 4, ¾l behind Three Non Blondes (9-4) at Yarmouth 7f 3yo hcp 0-85 (4) gf in Jul

18 (14) -11413 **SECRET HISTORY** (23) (BF, D)
E Walker 3 8-4 **E Greatrex** 103 G
5-1fav (8-4) Went to post early, raced far side, mid-division, ridden and one pace over 1f out, 3rd of 20, 2¾l off Sing The Blues (8-11) at Goodwood 6f flls hcp 0-95 (3) gd

19 (5) -82222 **COTAI BELLE** (29) (BF)
R & P Fahey 3 8-2 **C Hardie** 103 GF
85-40fav (9-6) Held up behind leaders, kept on from over 1f out without threatening winner, 2nd of 5, 3½l off Miss Nightcap (9-10) at Leicester 6f flls hcp 0-80 (4) gf

20 (2) 722222 **WOOHOO** (13)
J Goldie 5 8-2**Lauren Young (5)** 103 GF
9-4 (8-11) Wore hood to post, headway to chase winner final 110yds, nearest finish, 2nd of 6, nk behind Tiva (9-11) at Musselburgh 5f hcp 0-80 (4) gd

21 (11) 234-11 **ZOOELLA** (27)
R Beckett 3 8-2 **S De Sousa** 101 GF
5-2 (9-13) Prominent, ridden and headway to lead over 1f out, all out, led final 110yds, won at Thirsk 6f fll hcp (5) gf in Jul beating Canaria Queen (9-12) by 1½l, 8 ran

BETTING: 11-4 Starlight Lass, 7 Tryst, Albaydaa, 10 Secret History, Machadadorp, 12 Zooella, Carnival Of Light, 14 Oolong Poobong.
2025: ROYAL VELVET 4 9 8, William Buick 12-1 (W Knight), drawn (2), 18 ran.

NEWSBOY'S 1-2-3

1 OOLONG POOBONG
2 SECRET HISTORY
3 CAIM

LONG AWAITED Oolong Poobong is poised to be in the mix

OOLONG POOBONG looks up to rewarding each-way support – at the very least.

A fine fourth in the Sandringham Fillies' Handicap at Royal Ascot in June 2025 proved to be the Ed Bethell-trained daughter of Make Believe's final start of last season.

Oolong Poobong has met with defeat in both outings during the current campaign, but that doesn't tell the whole story.

She was entitled to come on for her return, a respectable fifth at Thirsk in mid-May, after an absence of 330 days.

And a stall-three draw for the Kensington Palace Handicap for fillies and mares at Royal Ascot effectively snuffed out her chance – Jamie Spencer steered a path over to the stands' side but Oolong Poobong couldn't get involved, finishing 20th.

Oisin Orr's mount is better than she has shown so far this year and the step back from a mile won't be a hindrance for a filly whose two career successes have been at six and seven furlongs.

Oolong Poobong's stablemate **Caim**, **Secret History** and **Lam Yai** all have something to recommend them.

BINNERS & LOSERS

Paul Binfield with the latest betting trends from the trading room

PADDYPOWER.

STRONG LINK Money is being punted on the Yorkshire Oaks for Legacy Link

LEGACY MAY PROVE A GIFT FOR PUNTERS

LEGACY LINK (11-1) has been all the rage for today's feature Yorkshire Oaks (3.35) and has almost halved in price since Tuesday's final declarations.

King George heroine **KALPANA** will be a tough nut to crack, but Oaks runner-up Legacy Link has already scored on the Knavesmire in the Musidora Stakes in May.

She wouldn't have won the Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot last time, but she'd have been closer but for being hampered a couple of times.

The opening Lowther Stakes (1.50) could go the way of **WILD BLOSSOM** (7-1) who scored by 10 lengths on debut at Carlisle before not being quite good enough in the Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot.

Canny Karl Burke found a lovely opportunity for a confidence booster at Glorious Goodwood and the money would indicate she can flower at this higher level.

Ultra-consistent **VAUNTINGLY** (7-1) is the one for dough in the Galtres Stakes (4.10pm) which isn't that surprising given Irish trainer Joseph O'Brien is operating at a near 20 per cent strike rate in Britain this season.

This three-year-old never runs a bad race and 7-1 looks tasty enough.

In the Sir Kevin Sinfield 7 In 7 Grand Finale Handicap (3.00), **HAWKSBILL** (12-1) has been popular on the lowest mark that he has run off for almost two years.

Hopefully jockey George Wood (above) can give him a scorcher to do the legendary fundraiser and England rugby union coach proud.

LINGFIELD

SKY

NEWSBOY
2.10 INGLEWOOD
2.45 ONE NUMBER
3.20 DANDY KHAN
3.55 GUNFIGHTER
4.30 APEX STAR
5.01 SEA HER EXCEL

BOUVERIE
2.10 BIRKACRE BROW
2.45 BLUEABAD
3.20 DANDY KHAN
3.55 RED HAT EAGLE
4.30 PENNINE WAY
5.01 SEA HER EXCEL

GOING: Standard.
COURSE: (AW) Left-handed all-weather Polytrack of 1m 2f, 2f run-in. (Turf) Left-handed undulating course of 1m 4f, 3f run-in, races up to 7f are run on the straight course.
DRAW: AWT-Little effect. TURF: High best on straight.
TOP TRAINERS: G & J Moore 77-555 (13.9%), A Balding 66-322 (20.5%), R Hannon 52-401 (13.0%), G Boughey 49-305 (16.1%), A Watson 43-298 (14.4%), S Dow 38-348 (10.9%), S C Williams 34-193 (17.6%), J Butler 32-243 (13.2%), M Appleby 31-237 (13.1%), Jack Jones 27-133 (20.3%).
TOP JOCKEYS: David Probert 76-493 (15.4%), Paddy Bradley 50-454 (11.0%), Rhys Clutterbuck 34-361 (9.4%), Jason Watson 32-264 (12.1%), Kieran O'Neill 32-445 (7.2%), Pat Cosgrave 22-218 (10.1%), Joey Haynes 21-213 (9.9%), Callum Hutchinson 20-160 (12.5%), Tom Queally 18-205 (8.8%), Alec Voikhansky 16-103 (15.5%).
1ST TIME BLINKERS: 4.30 Lieutenant Sir, Mayfair Market.
CHEEKPIECES: 2.45 One Number*, 3.20 Manton Road, Mount Mogan, Onslow Gardens*, 3.55 Dancing Rinca*, Paranjape*, Red Hat Eagle, 4.30 Mister Moet, 5.01Over Spiced, Whizzy Dizzy*.
TONGUE STRAPS: 3.20 Francisco, Nubough, 3.55 Double Time, Red Hat Eagle*, Yachtsman, 4.30 King Cherry, Mayfair Market. (*=1st time).
1ST TIME HOODS: 2.10 Black Treasure, Inglewood, 4.30 Dark Mandate.

2.10 SKY SPORTS RACING EBF FILLIES' RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (5) (2-Y-O) 5f Winner £4,320 (9 run)

SPOT FORM

1	(5)	402	**BIRKACRE BROW** (9) J Tate 9-2 (SF)	D Probert	76	ST
2	(7)	7	**BLACK TREASURE** (106) (H) Ollie Sangster 9-2	D Costello	47	GF
3	(8)		**FANCIED ANGEL** Adam Kirby 9-2	P Cosgrave	-	-
4	(1)		**GLAMOROUS WILD** M Loughnane 9-2	P Bradley	-	-
5	(6)	523	**INGLEWOOD** (13) (H) J Camacho 9-2 (F)	C Bishop	●77	GF
6	(4)		**SACRED RHYTHM** J Parr 9-2	Jason Watson	-	-
7	(9)		**ADELAIDES TURN** R Cowell 8-13 (EW)	R Clutterbuck	-	-
8	(2)	053045	**LAST DANDELION** (26) S C Williams 8-13	R Kavanagh (3)	75	ST
9	(3)	08	**LEADING RAYA** (34) M Usher 8-13	Alicia Perkins (7)	35	ST

BETTING: 6-4 Inglewood, 11-4 Birkacre Brow, 11-2 Last Dandelion, 8 Adelaides Turn, 14 Fancied Angel, 16 Sacred Rhythm, Black Treasure, Glamorous Wild, 50 Leading Raya.

2.45 FREE TIPS ON ATTHERACES.COM EBF MAIDEN STAKES (GBB/GBBPLUS RACE) (3) (2-Y-O) 1m Winner £7,020 (8 run)

1	(8)		**BERKSHIRE REGAL** A Balding 9-7	Jason Watson	-	-
2	(2)		**BLUEABAD** G Boughey 9-7	P Cosgrave	-	-
3	(4)		**DUST MY BROOM** M Attwater 9-7	P Bradley	-	-
4	(5)		**MINSMERE** R Hannon 9-7 (EW)	P Dobbs	-	-
5	(7)	2035	**ONE NUMBER** (24) J P O'Brien (IRE) 9-7 (BF) (F)	D Probert	●94	GS
6	(6)		**ROYAL ACCLAMATION** C Appleby 9-7 (SF)	C Planas	-	-
7	(3)		**YELLOW VISION** W Knight 9-7	Taylor Fisher	-	-
8	(1)		**APPASSIONATA** Sir M Prescott 9-2	R Clutterbuck	-	-

BETTING: 9-4 Royal Acclamation, 10-3 One Number, 9-2 Blueabad, 6 Berkshire Regal, 13-2 Minsmere, 12 Appassionata, 16 Yellow Vision, 33 Dust My Broom.

3.20 AIR COOL ENGINEERING HANDICAP (6) 1m Winner £3,245 (12 run)

1	(2)	668523	**BAJAN BANDIT** (13) (V) P Morris 6 9-9 (D) (F)	P Bradley	68	G
2	(7)	356563	**DANDY KHAN** (16) J Boyle 4 9-8 (CD)	P Cosgrave	67	ST
3	(1)	3-4156	**MUY MUY LOCO** (155) (H) S Dow 4 9-7 (C) (EW)	T Heard	67	SS
4	(8)	316864	**FRANCISCO** (7) (V) P Chamings 5 9-6 (C)	A Redman (7)	64	GF
5	(4)	93-979	**ONSLOW GARDENS** (21) L Mullaney 6 9-6	A Voikhansky	70	G
6	(5)	25-514	**MOUNT MOGAN** (21) Mrs L Mongan 9 9-5 (C)	Georgia Dobie	68	ST
7	(10)	703231	**MANTON ROAD** (21) R Phillips 4 9-4 (SF)	C Hutchinson	67	ST
8	(11)	4-7733	**WHITESNAKE** (37) R Teal 4 9-4	Jason Watson	65	ST
9	(6)	975-05	**WITHOUTFURTHERADO** (23) P Charalambous & J Clutterbuck 4 9-4	D Costello	67	G
10	(3)	7556	**OCEAN FORCE** (63) G & J Moore 5 9-4	D Probert	69	ST
11	(12)	0-2605	**NUBOUGH** (91) M Pattinson 10 9-3 (C)	K O'Neill	●73	G
12	(9)	8654-0	**WARRNAMBOOL** (9) (V) N Littmoden 4 9-3	R Kavanagh (3)	68	ST

BETTING: 7-2 Manton Road, 5 Dandy Khan, Bajan Bandit, 13-2 Francisco, 8 Ocean Force, 10 Warrnambool, 12 Muy Muy Loco, Mount Mogan, Whitesnake.

3.55 FOLLOW ATTHERACES ON X HANDICAP (5) 7f Winner £3,978 (13 run)

1	(7)	755475	**RED HAT EAGLE** (12) W Knight 6 9-11 (C)	Taylor Fisher	76	ST
2	(9)	-42157	**BOLD SUITOR** (12) (B) Craig Benton 9 9-11 (CD)	Georgia Dobie	76	ST
3	(3)	0-4033	**THE BITTER MOOSE** (59) (V) P Chamings 5 9-10 (CD)	D Probert	76	G
4	(1)	685-96	**DANCING RINCA** (20) Hayley Burton 7 9-10 (D)	K O'Neill	74	GF
5	(10)	0-7917	**GUNFIGHTER** (20) J Butler 5 9-10 (BF, D) (F)	P Dobbs	76	GF
6	(14)	21-074	**SANT ALESSIO** (50) J Tickle 5 9-9	R Clutterbuck	77	ST
7	(5)	934524	**STATE OF MADNESS** (14) M Loughnane 5 9-8	P Bradley	74	ST
8	(11)	146-70	**DOUBLE TIME** (28) (H) T Vaughan 8 9-7	C Hutchinson	76	G
9	(6)	746766	**DONTSPOILASALE** (14) J & S Best 6 9-7	T P Queally	76	SL
10	(4)	8-3107	**STARLIGHT SAMI** (34) D Coakley 3 9-6 (D)	G Bass	75	G
11	(13)	541241	**SPLIT ELEVENS** (7) J Butler 8 9-6 (CD) (SF)	DOUBTFUL		
12	(8)	347149	**YACHTSMAN** (34) Jack Morland 3 9-5	Jason Watson	75	GF
13	(2)	2356	**POWDER MONKEY** (89) G Boughey 3 9-5	P Cosgrave	72	G
14	(12)	5-2746	**PARANJAPE** (46) S Woods 3 9-4 (EW)	Millie Wonnacott (5)	75	SF

BETTING: 4 Gunfighter, 5 Powder Monkey, 13-2 State Of Madness, 7 The Bitter Moose, 8 Paranjape, Red Hat Eagle, 10 Starlight Sami, Dancing Rinca.

4.30 SKY SPORTS RACING VIRGIN 512 HANDICAP (6) (3-Y-O) 6f Winner £3,245 (12 run)

1	(3)	-77514	**REALITY QUEEN** (36) M Appleby 9-8 (D)	A Rawlinson	67	G
2	(7)	4-3159	**ROYAL COUNTY GLORY** (80) Jack Jones 9-8 (BF) (EW)	Jason Watson	67	SL
3	(8)	5-6897	**MAYFAIR MARKET** (23) (B) S Woods 9-7	Millie Wonnacott (5)	69	SS
4	(12)	963035	**LOVE ALIVE** (15) J Butler 9-7	D Probert	68	ST
5	(1)	55063-	**DARK MANDATE** (302) (H) E J-Houghton 9-6	C Bishop	63	GF
6	(5)	556-05	**SOLAR PHOENIX** (13) (B) R Teal 9-5	D Costello	65	G
7	(4)	-67732	**PENNINE WAY** (13) J Channon 9-5 (SF)	G Bass	●70	G
8	(10)	106244	**MISTER MOET** (15) S Dixon 9-5 (CD)	K O'Neill	67	GS
9	(6)	75867	**KING CHERRY** (15) S C Williams 9-5	R Kavanagh (3)	63	ST
10	(9)	7-3106	**LIEUTENANT SIR** (36) (B) A Watson 9-5 (D)	W Cox	68	G
11	(11)	70-641	**FUSEBOARD** (44) C Banham 9-5 (F)	J Haynes	67	ST
12	(2)	337203	**APEX STAR** (29) W Knight 9-4	Taylor Fisher	67	ST

BETTING: 7-2 Fuseboard, 9-2 Pennine Way, 15-2 Reality Queen, 8 Apex Star, Dark Mandate, Love Alive, 10 Royal County Glory, 12 Lieutenant Sir, Mister Moet.

5.01 DOWNLOAD THE AT THE RACES APP FILLIES' HANDICAP (5) 5f Winner £3,978 (7 run)

1	(6)	543323	**OVER SPICED** (14) G Harris 4 9-12 (CD)	D Probert	75	GF
2	(4)	556894	**INDEPENDENT EXPERT** (17) J & S Best 7 9-10 (EW)	T P Queally	69	G
3	(2)	222624	**QUEEN SANA** (17) Ollie Sangster 3 9-10 (BF)	Jason Watson	●76	GF
4	(7)	-25326	**FIORELLA PRINCESS** (134) R Cowell 4 9-10 (D) (SF)	C Bishop	74	ST
5	(5)	-03151	**SEA HER EXCEL** (31) I Furtado 3 9-8 (D) (F)	Elle-May Croot (5)	73	FM
6	(3)	3-1766	**LA BELLE FOREST** (63) A Watson 3 9-6 (D)	W Cox	71	SF
7	(1)	7-4467	**WHIZZY DIZZY** (34) C Cox 3 9-6	Georgia Dobie	72	ST
8	(8)	896933	**LITTLE JAYBEE** (8) P Evans 3 8-13 (D)	DOUBTFUL		

BETTING: 2 Sea Her Excel, 9-4 Queen Sana, 4 Over Spiced, 10 La Belle Forest, Fiorella Princess, 12 Independent Expert, 20 Whizzy Dizzy.

NEWMARKET

RTV

NEWSBOY
2.00 MINKAAS
2.35 MISSOURI WALTZ
3.10 VENETIAN LION
3.45 BE PATIENT
4.20 CHERRY COBBLER
4.51 JACK LANGLEY

BOUVERIE
2.00 MINKAAS
2.35 TIE A NAVYRIBBON
3.10 CALYXOH
3.45 BE PATIENT
4.20 CHERRY COBBLER
4.51 SIBLING RIVELRY (NAP)

GOING: Good to Firm.
COURSE: July course is an undulating galloping track of 2m. All races upto a mile are on the straight course.
DRAW: Little effect
TOP TRAINERS: C Appleby 76-209 (36.4%), W Haggas 20-132 (15.2%), S C Williams 17-125 (13.6%), C Johnston 16-127 (12.6%), E Walker 16-70 (22.9%), Tom Clover 13-52 (25.0%), M Botti 11-67 (16.4%), J Chapple-Hyam 10-85 (11.8%), H Palmer 7-68 (10.3%), D M Simcock 6-70 (8.6%), W Stone 5-45 (11.1%), T Kent 4-31 (12.9%), G Scott 3-38 (7.9%), J Tate 3-23 (13.0%), J Parr 3-31 (9.7%), D & C Kubler 3-20 (15.0%).
TOP JOCKEYS: Jack Mitchell 16-88 (18.2%), Rob Hornby 13-93 (14.0%), Harry Davies 11-82 (13.4%), Benoit Sayette 10-69 (14.5%), Daniel Muscutt 7-75 (9.3%), Jamie Spencer 4-58 (6.9%), Mason Paetel 4-16 (25.0%), Darragh Keenan 3-47 (6.4%), C R Lyons 2-7 (28.6%), Josephine Gordon 1-18 (5.6%), Ashley Lewis 1-7 (14.3%), Toby Moore 1-6 (16.7%), J Gilligan 0-9 (16.7%), Ebrahim Nader 0-0 (16.7%), Sorin Moldoveanu 0-3 (16.7%).
CHEEKPIECES: 4.20 Cancan In The Rain*, Cherry Cobbler, Dashing Dick, Sunny Smile, Where's Freddy, 4.51 Expressionless.
TONGUE STRAPS: 2.00 Scoot Away*, 3.10 Legacy Rock, Venetian Lion, 3.45 Round The Table*, 4.20 Cherry Cobbler, Where's Freddy. (*=1st time).

2.00 EBF FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) (3) (2-Y-O) 6f Winner £6,480 (6 run)

SPOT FORM

1	(3)	34	**ELPEEARE** (27) G Scott 9-2 *4-1 (8-11) 4th of 8, 1½l behind Not My Type (9-2) at Sandown 5f mdn flls stks (4) gf in Jul*	D Keenan	78	GS
2	(2)	38	**GREY TAMAM** (28) J Tate 9-2 (F) *16-1 (9-2) Last of 8, 10l behind Aperoll (9-2) at Sandown 7f 2yo fll Listed stks (1) gf in Jul*	R Hornby	●86	GF
3	(6)	33	**MINKAAS** (15) T Kent 9-2 (SF) *7-2 (9-2) 3rd of 10, ¾l behind Speed of Sound (9-2) at Yarmouth 6f mdn flls stks (4) gf*	J P Spencer	83	G
4	(1)		**PLASTIC DREAM** C Dwyer 9-2 *Havana Grey filly out of Voicemail.*	H Davies	-	-
5	(4)		**SCOOT AWAY** J Fanshawe 9-2 *Havana Grey filly out of Hand On My Heart.*	D Muscutt	-	-
6	(5)	2	**ZEPHYRA** (14) M Botti 9-2 *20-1 (9-2) 2nd of 7, 3½l behind Crown And Two (9-4) at Newmarket 6f 2yo nov stk (4) gf*	J Gilligan	75	G

BETTING: 7-4 Minkaas, 7-2 Grey Tamam, 4 Zephyra, Elpeeare, 10 Scoot Away, 16 Plastic Dream.

2.35 VAN BUCK 50TH ANNIVERSARY FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (GBB/GBBPLUS RACE) (3) (2-Y-O) 1m Winner £6,281 (6 run)

1	(1)	1	**MISSOURI WALTZ** (29) A Keatley 9-6 (F)	J P Spencer	77	GF
2	(5)	0	**HIGHLAND GIRL** (21) C Johnston 9-2	R Hornby	65	GF
3	(6)	4	**MANDOLIN RAIN** (17) D Cunha 9-2	J Mitchell	69	GF
4	(3)	36	**TIE A NAVYRIBBON** (12) W Stone 9-2 (SF)	Josephine Gordon	●83	G
5	(2)		**VELORIA** G Scott 9-2	D Keenan	-	-
6	(4)		**VOYAGER ONE** M Bell 9-2	D Muscutt	-	-

BETTING: 5-4 Tie A Navyribbon, 9-4 Missouri Waltz, 6 Veloria, 8 Mandolin Rain, 10 Voyager One, 25 Highland Girl.

3.10 COME RACING HANDICAP (5) 1m Winner £5,234 (8 run)

1	(1)	3-6764	**POTOMAC RIVER** (13) T Kent 4 9-11	J P Spencer	76	ST
2	(6)	973043	**CALYXOH** (6) (V) P Morris 4 9-11 (F)	Ashley Lewis (3)	●78	SS
3	(7)	4-3250	**WIELD** (27) J Parr 3 9-9	D Muscutt	75	G
4	(5)	-92114	**MERTOUN** (20) J Chapple-Hyam 3 9-8 (BF, D)	R Hornby	75	G
5	(2)	24394	**GLEN NEVIS** (15) C Johnston 3 9-8	J Mitchell	74	G
6	(3)	79621	**VENETIAN LION** (17) W Haggas 3 9-7 (D) (SF)	H Davies	73	GF
7	(8)	941126	**LEGACY ROCK** (51) Dr R Newland 3 9-6 (D) (EW)	Toby Moore (7)	74	G
8	(4)	90-733	**BIG ALEX WALMSLEY** (18) (H) Mrs I G-Leveque 4 8-13	B Sayette	77	GF

BETTING: 11-8 Venetian Lion, 9-2 Mertoun, 6 Calyxoh, 13-2 Potomac River, 7 Glen Nevis, 12 Legacy Rock, 16 Big Alex Walmsley, 33 Wield.

3.45 NATIONAL STUD HANDICAP (GBBPLUS RACE) (3) 1m 4f Winner £9,160 (6 run)

1	(3)	90/005	**ASTRO KING** (14) D & C Kubler 9 10-4 *80-1 (9-5) 5th of 12, 2½l off Spinning Wheel (9-10) at Southwell 1m 3f 3yo hcp 0-105 (2)*	Ebrahim Nader	93	GF
2	(2)	-53032	**TYCOON** (26) K P De Foy 4 10-1 *6-1 (9-9) 2nd of 10, 8l behind Likealot (10-0) at York 1m 4f hcp 0-95 (3) gf in Jul*	D Keenan	●96	G
3	(6)	142-	**RACE TO THE STARS** (266) C Appleby 4 9-10 (BF) (F) *11-4fav (9-3) 2nd of 13, nk off King's Code (9-13) at Chelmsford City 1m 2f hcp 0-95 (3) pol*	Toby Moore (7)	94	ST
4	(5)	511	**ROUND THE TABLE** (28) Tom Clover 3 8-13 (SF) *2-7fav (9-9) Won at Doncaster 1m 2f nov mdn stks (3) gf beating Interstate (9-4) by nk*	J Mitchell	91	G
5	(4)	31-12	**BE PATIENT** (32) E Bethell 3 8-12 (BF) *4-5fav (9-7) 2nd of 4, ½l behind Financer (8-11) at Redcar 1m 2f hcp 0-85 (4) gf in Jul*	J P Spencer	94	G
6	(1)	3-5224	**FIRST OFFICER** (19) J Chapple-Hyam 7 8-12 (CD) *9-2 (8-5) 4th of 8, ¾l behind Arqoob (9-7) at Newmarket 1m 4f hcp 0-90 (3) gf*	Sorin Moldoveanu (7)	95	S

BETTING: 3 Round The Table, 7-2 Race To The Stars, 4 Be Patient, First Officer, 6 Tycoon, 8 Astro King.

4.20 RACING TV HANDICAP (4) 7f Winner £6,442 (10 run)

1	(9)	172221	**CHERRY COBBLER** (5) S C Williams 4 10-3 (CD) (SF)	C R Lyons (7)	81	G
2	(2)	0-0419	**WHERE'S FREDDY** (20) S C Williams 6 10-2 (CD) (EW)	J P Spencer	80	G
3	(4)	5-1029	**PALADIN** (12) K Frost 5 10-1 (D)	J Mitchell	80	GF
4	(6)	421516	**MR WRITER** (27) J Fanshawe 3 10-0 (D)	D Muscutt	77	G
5	(8)	14-448	**CANCAN IN THE RAIN** (26) Gihan Arnolda 6 9-13 (C, D)	D Keenan	80	G
6	(7)	2-0225	**SUNNY SMILE** (14) H Palmer 3 9-11	H Davies	73	G
7	(5)	52-708	**HERE I BOW** (15) Oli Rix 3 9-9 (D)	J Peate	73	G
8	(3)	102-4	**PISCEAN STAR** (15) E Dunlop 3 9-8 (D)	Mason Paetel (5)	75	SS
9	(10)	883656	**DASHING DICK** (14) W Stone 8 9-5 (C, D)	R Hornby	●84	G
10	(1)	-64852	**SUN OF DOLLY** (21) J Gallagher 3 8-6 (F)	Harry Vigors (5)	73	G

BETTING: 11-8 Cherry Cobbler, 5 Sun Of Dolly, 13-2 Mr Writer, 10 Piscean Star, Cancan In The Rain, Where's Freddy, 12 Paladin, 14 Dashing Dick.

4.51 RACING WELFARE APPRENTICE HANDICAP (5) 1m 4f Winner £5,234 (5 run)

1	(5)	-17342	**SIBLING RIVELRY** (20) D M Simcock 4 9-13 (BF, D) *11-8fav (10-0) 2nd of 4, ½l off Society Girl (8-10) at Newmarket 1m 4f flls hcp 0-75 (5) gf*	Taryn Langley (3)	72	G
2	(1)	038583	**EXPRESSIONLESS** (23) D Cunha 6 9-11 (D) *3-1 (9-5) Last of 3, 9l behind Educator (9-5) at Yarmouth 1m 6f hcp 0-75 (5) gf in Jul*	K S McHugh (5)	74	H
3	(2)	463122	**JACK LANGLEY** (12) Charlie Clover 4 9-10 (BF, D) (F) *11-8fav (10-1) 2nd of 6, 2¼l off Prince Quattro (10-2) at Newmarket 1m 6f all hcp 0-70 (5) gf*	Liam Wright	●75	GF
4	(4)	9363	**TRAVELING MAN** (26) C Fellowes 3 9-4 *10-1 (8-13) 3rd of 6, 1¼l off Rossa Raheen (9-5) at Salisbury 1m 4f 3yo hcp 0-75 (5) gf*	Mason Paetel	71	G
5	(3)	7-8031	**SOCIETY GIRL** (20) E Walker 3 9-4 (CD) (SF) *11-8fav (8-10) Won at Newmarket 1m 4f flls hcp 0-75 (5) gf beating Sibling Rivelry (10-0) by ½l*	Ashley Lewis	70	G

BETTING: 5-2 Society Girl, 11-4 Jack Langley, 3 Sibling Rivelry, 4 Traveling Man, 8 Expressionless.

PRO-BET
VENETIAN LION (3.10 Newmarket) 3pts win. (*Item was a winner yesterday at 10-1*)

BEST LONGSHOT
(Today's best each-way bet):
BIG NEGOTIATOR (1.50 York)

SINGLE-SHOT STAR
(Top in-form jockey with just one booked ride)
Sam Twiston-Davies: **BAGHEERA GINGE** (6.36 Stratford)

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TODAY'S ABC GUIDE TO FIVE UK MEETINGS

LINGFIELD - LI
NEWCASTLE - NC
NEWMARKET - NM
STRATFORD - ST
YORK - YO

A La Prochaine	4.10	YO
Aalto	3.00	YO
Adelaides Turn	2.10	LI
Albaydaa	5.20	YO
All I Know	7.24	NC
Alta Regina	1.50	YO
Angel In My Heart	7.24	NC
Angel Of My Dreams	8.06	ST
Angels Passing	1.50	YO
Apex Star	4.30	LI
Appassionata	2.45	LI
Arctic Dawn	3.00	YO
Asadjumeirah	8.54	NC
Ashariba	4.10	YO
Astro King	3.45	NM
Azuinthejungle	8.24	NC
Bagheera Ginge	6.36	ST
Bajan Bandit	3.20	LI
Battle Fever	2.25	YO
Be Patient	3.45	NM
Beaujolais Nouveau	5.20	YO
Bella Lyra	5.20	YO
Bellarchi	5.20	YO
Berkshire Regal	2.45	LI
Berry Edge	8.06	ST
Big Alex Walmsley	3.10	NM
Big Cigar	4.45	YO
Big Negotiator	1.50	YO
Billy Bathgate	6.19	NC
Bint Archange	1.50	YO
Birkacre Brow	2.10	LI
Black Treasure	2.10	LI
Blake's Monarch	2.25	YO
Blue Brother	3.00	YO
Blueabad	2.45	LI
Bold Suitor	3.55	LI
Bowie Lass	6.54	NC
Brunello Breeze	6.19	NC
Bullet Point	3.00	YO
Buzz Box	8.24	NC
Bymiddaytomorrow	4.45	YO
Caeruleus	4.45	YO
Caim	5.20	YO
Calyxoh	3.10	NM
Cancan In The Rain	4.20	NM
Capichera	4.10	YO
Captain Cool	6.36	ST
Carnival Of Light	5.20	YO
Carwyn	6.19	NC
Casino Star	7.54	NC
Castan	8.24	NC
Centigrade	3.00	YO
Cerulean Bay	3.00	YO
Changeofmind	8.24	NC
Checkandchallenge	3.00	YO
Cherry Cobbler	4.20	NM
Clever Relation	8.06	ST
Club Class	4.10	YO
Copper Knight	8.24	NC
Cotai Belle	5.20	YO
Crebilly	6.36	ST
Crownbreaker	1.50	YO
Crystal Queen	1.50	YO
Dancing Rinca	3.55	LI
Dandy Khan	3.20	LI
Dark Mandate	4.30	LI
Dashing Dick	4.20	NM
Desert Master	8.54	NC
Desert Sands	1.50	YO
Diesel Line	8.06	ST
Donald	8.54	NC
Dontspoilasale	3.55	LI
Double Time	3.55	LI
Dunkerque	7.06	ST
Duran	8.24	NC
Dust My Broom	2.45	LI
Earth Shot	3.35	YO
Elpeeare	2.00	NM
Eternal Force	3.00	YO
Expressionless	4.51	NM
Eyeeye	8.06	ST
Fancied Angel	2.10	LI
Fasthope	4.45	YO
Figjam	5.20	YO
Fine Thing	5.35	ST
Fiorella Princess	5.01	LI
First Officer	3.45	NM
Flashy Boy	7.36	ST
Fleur De Mer	6.19	NC
Forever Perfect	6.19	NC
Francisco	3.20	LI
Furturra	2.25	YO
Fuseboard	4.30	LI
Galahad Threepwood	6.19	NC
Gemical	6.19	NC
Gemini Star	8.54	NC
Get Up Everybody	8.54	NC
Glamorous Wild	2.10	LI
Glance At Me	8.06	ST
Glen Nevis	3.10	NM
Glenmalure Flyer	7.36	ST
Glorious Game	2.25	YO
Grey Tamam	2.00	NM
Gunfighter	3.55	LI
Hawksbill	3.00	YO
Here I Bow	4.20	NM
Hickton	6.19	NC
High Calibre	4.45	YO
High Hazard	4.45	YO
Highland Girl	2.35	NM
Ice Cold Alex	8.24	NC
Illogical Logic	7.36	ST
In The Black	1.50	YO
Independent Expert	5.01	LI
Influencer Man	7.54	NC
Inglewood	2.10	LI
Inis Mor	3.35	YO
Innichen	2.25	YO
It Dunt Marra	2.25	YO
Jack Langley	4.51	NM
Janora	6.54	NC
Jedhi Knight	6.19	NC
Jet Patrol	8.06	ST
Johanna Walsh	3.35	YO
Jolivette	1.50	YO
Just Call Me Angel	5.20	YO
K Sarra	4.10	YO
Kalpana	3.35	YO
King Cherry	4.30	LI
Kittys Glance	6.06	ST
Kodiak Breeze	2.25	YO
Kom Tu Voudras	6.06	ST
Koodini	4.45	YO
Krak	7.06	ST
La Belle Forest	5.01	LI
Lam Yai	5.20	YO
Last Dandelion	2.10	LI
Leading Raya	2.10	LI
Legacy Link	3.35	YO
Legacy Rock	3.10	NM
Lethal Nymph	8.24	NC
Libertango	1.50	YO
Lieutenant Sir	4.30	LI
Little Jaybee	5.01	LI
Little Mi Mi	8.24	NC
Livenka	1.50	YO
Lord Cauvelliere	8.06	ST
Love A Giggle	1.50	YO
Love Alive	4.30	LI
Machadadorp	5.20	YO
Magistrato	6.36	ST
Mandolin Rain	2.35	NM
Manton Road	3.20	LI
Mart	8.54	NC
May Bee In Profit	7.54	NC
Mayday Games	8.06	ST
Mayfair Market	4.30	LI
Mertoun	3.10	NM
Merveilleux Lapin	4.10	YO
Mezcala	3.00	YO
Mia Fantasia	4.45	YO
Mind Those Steps	2.25	YO
Minkaas	2.00	NM
Minnie Hauk	3.35	YO
Minsmere	2.45	LI
Mirsky	3.00	YO
Mirzimaan	4.45	YO
Miss Kodi	1.50	YO
Miss Veronika	6.54	NC
Missouri Waltz	2.35	NM
Mister Moet	4.30	LI
Moonrise	1.50	YO
Morrophore	4.10	YO
Mount Mogan	3.20	LI
Mount Ruapehu	8.54	NC
Mr Writer	4.20	NM
Mubasimah	5.20	YO
Muhib	6.19	NC
Multaneighttothree	8.54	NC
Muy Muy Loco	3.20	LI
My A'ali Baba	4.45	YO
Mystic Wave	6.54	NC
Navertity	6.54	NC
Newyorkstateofmind	8.54	NC
Niewiadoma	2.25	YO
Niffler	6.19	NC
Nizam	3.00	YO
Noccalula Falls	7.24	NC
Northern Rose	8.06	ST
Notnowlinda	6.06	ST
Nubough	3.20	LI
Ocean Force	3.20	LI
One Number	2.45	LI
One Shot Kodi	7.24	NC
Onslow Gardens	3.20	LI
Oolong Poobong	5.20	YO
Operation Gimcrack	8.54	NC
Ortanique	7.24	NC
Ottawa	8.54	NC
Over Spiced	5.01	LI
Paladin	4.20	NM
Paranjape	3.55	LI
Parisencore	6.36	ST
Pennine Way	4.30	LI
Perfect Nation	4.45	YO
Perfect Part	5.20	YO
Perfect Your Craft	4.10	YO
Piscean Star	4.20	NM
Plastic Dream	2.00	NM
Point Lynas	3.00	YO
Porcupine Bank	5.35	ST
Potomac River	3.10	NM
Powder Monkey	3.55	LI
Pride Of Toledo	2.25	YO
Prizeland	4.10	YO
Queen Sana	5.01	LI
Queen's Hame	6.54	NC
Quillan	2.25	YO
Race To The Stars	3.45	NM
Rbflying	4.45	YO
Reality Queen	4.30	LI
Rebel Tribesman	6.06	ST
Red Hat Eagle	3.55	LI
Regal Tiger	4.45	YO
Reteti	8.06	ST
Revels	4.45	YO
Rhapsody	4.10	YO
Rising Tiger	4.45	YO
Roccapina	6.54	NC
Rollthedicebaby	2.25	YO
Romeo's Guardian	6.19	NC
Roosike	4.45	YO
Round The Table	3.45	NM
Royal Acclamation	2.45	LI
Royal County Glory	4.30	LI
Royal Velvet	5.20	YO
Ruby Moon	1.50	YO
Rubyroo	7.24	NC
Ryka	4.10	YO
Sacred Rhythm	2.10	LI
Samuel Spade	7.06	ST
Sant Alessio	3.55	LI
Satellite Of Love	2.25	YO
Scoot Away	2.00	NM
Sea Her Excel	5.01	LI
Secret History	5.20	YO
Secret Road	8.54	NC
Secret Society	2.25	YO
Sexy Chick	1.50	YO
Shadow King	4.45	YO
Shimmering Sun	1.50	YO
Sibling Rivelry	4.51	NM
Sir Tivo	6.36	ST
Smart Vision	8.24	NC
Social Spirit	7.54	NC
Society Girl	4.51	NM
Solar Phoenix	4.30	LI
Soldier Of The Sea	4.45	YO
Sparan Nua	3.35	YO
Speed of Sound	2.25	YO
Spell Master	3.00	YO
Spirited Gesture	7.24	NC
Split Elevens	3.55	LI
Star Material	8.24	NC
Star Of Commala	6.54	NC
Star Of Markinch	6.19	NC
Star Of State	1.50	YO
Star People	7.54	NC
Starfinch	5.20	YO
Starlight Lass	5.20	YO
Starlight Sami	3.55	LI
State Of Madness	3.55	LI
Sugar Island	3.35	YO
Summerson	4.10	YO
Sun Goddess	2.25	YO
Sun Of Dolly	4.20	NM
Sunny Smile	4.20	NM
Sunshine Star	4.10	YO
Suntino Lady	6.54	NC
Tattycoram	3.35	YO
Telegraphic	4.45	YO
Texting	7.24	NC
The Angel King	3.00	YO
The Bitter Moose	3.55	LI
The Bookkeeper	2.25	YO
The Ginger Kid	4.45	YO
The Kings Soldier	7.36	ST
The Lost King	3.00	YO
Thebesthasyetocome	2.25	YO
Theheatison	4.45	YO
This Moment	7.54	NC
Tie A Navyribbon	2.35	NM
Tokaido	2.25	YO
Too Much	8.24	NC
Torrent	6.06	ST
Traveling Man	4.51	NM
True Promise	8.24	NC
Tryst	5.20	YO
Tycoon	3.45	NM
Vauntingly	4.10	YO
Veloria	2.35	NM
Venetian Lion	3.10	NM
Versatile	8.06	ST
Vollering	2.25	YO
Voyager One	2.35	NM
Wait For It	8.54	NC
Warrnambool	3.20	LI
Wave Power	6.19	NC
Weekend Roar	2.25	YO
Weleyff	4.45	YO
Where Love Lives	2.25	YO
Where's Freddy	4.20	NM
White Umbrella	8.54	NC
Whitesnake	3.20	LI
Whizzy Dizzy	5.01	LI
Wield	3.10	NM
Wild Blossom	1.50	YO
Winning Paddy	7.36	ST
Without Prejudice	4.10	YO
Withoutfurtherado	3.20	LI
Woohoo	5.20	YO
Yachtsman	3.55	LI
Yellow Vision	2.45	LI
Yes And Yes	7.36	ST
Yorkshire	3.00	YO
Zephyra	2.00	NM
Zooella	5.20	YO

SEVEN UP Satono Reve will run on Saturday

Moreira hopeful for Reve

BY **DAVID YATES**

SATONO REVE will have just his second start at seven furlongs when he seeks a first European Group 1 victory under 'Magic Man' João Moreira in Saturday's City Of York Stakes.

The Japanese challenger's three visits to Europe have yielded second placings over six furlongs in the past two runnings of the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Stakes and a third to Comanche Brave in the July Cup at Newmarket last month.

The Noriyuki Hori-trained seven-year-old held twin entries in Group 1 tests at York this week – Friday's Coolmore-sponsored Nunthorpe Stakes over five furlongs and the Sky Bet City Of York Stakes over an additional quarter mile the following afternoon.

But Satono Reve was not declared for the Nunthorpe yesterday, so will contest the City Of York Stakes - for which he is a best-priced 10-1 shot - and in the process provide Moreira with his first-ever ride on the Knavesmire.

Moreira (above), who was on board for the first of Satono Reve's two Group 1 wins in Japan - and his defeat at Royal Ascot in 2024 - said: "He deserves to win an international race overseas.

"He has proven himself in Japan and ran great races against tough opposition in the UK," added the Brazilian superstar jockey, who has also yet to net a Group 1 prize in Britain.

NEWCASTLE

SKY

NEWSBOY
6.19 MUHIB
6.54 QUEEN'S HAME
7.24 SPIRITED GESTURE
7.54 INFLUENCER MAN
8.24 CASTAN
8.54 GEMINI STAR

BOUVERIE
6.19 MUHIB
6.54 QUEEN'S HAME
7.24 SPIRITED GESTURE
7.54 STAR PEOPLE
8.24 LITTLE MI MI
8.54 OPERATION GIMCRACK

GOING: Standard.
COURSE: Left-handed all-weather Tapeta course with a 3f run-in. Races up to a mile run on the straight course.
DRAW: High numbers have a slight advantage over 5f.
TOP TRAINERS: I Jardine 68-676 (10.1%), R Menzies 61-562 (10.9%), K R Burke 56-381 (14.7%), K Ryan 50-310 (16.1%), W Haggas 49-171 (28.7%), A Brittain 49-587 (8.3%), B Ellison 48-513 (9.4%), G Boughey 47-227 (20.7%), N Tinkler 42-448 (9.4%), G Tuer 41-392 (10.5%), J & T Gosden 39-112 (34.8%), R Carr 39-409 (9.5%), T Easterby 38-480 (7.9%), P Midgley 36-347 (10.4%), B Smart 35-277 (12.6%), D Thompson 32-350 (9.1%).
TOP JOCKEYS: Paul Mulrennan 131-963 (13.6%), Jason Hart 95-723 (13.1%), David Nolan 50-436 (11.5%), Tom Eaves 50-553 (9.0%), Ben Robinson 45-435 (10.3%), Billy Garritty 41-399 (10.3%), Cieren Fallon 26-123 (21.1%), Luke Morris 25-331 (7.6%), Harry Russell 23-276 (8.3%), James Sullivan 22-417 (5.3%), Robert Havlin 22-93 (23.7%), Lewis Edmunds 19-226 (8.4%).
1ST TIME BLINKERS: 6.19 Romeo's Guardian, 7.54 Star People.
CHEEKPIECES: 6.19 Carwyn, Wave Power*, 7.54 Casino Star*, Influencer Man*, 8.24 Castan, Smart Vision, 8.54 Asadjumeirah.
TONGUE STRAPS: 8.24 Copper Knight, 8.54 Asadjumeirah, Mart. (*=1st time).

6.19 HARRY POTTER DRONEART SHOW HANDICAP (6) 1m 4f Winner £3,245 (14 run)

SPOT FORM

1 (11) -77196 **HICKTON** (90) D Carroll 4 10-0 (D)........Z Wheatley 59 SF
2 (8) 434615 **BILLY BATHGATE** (12) Ewan Whillans 10 10-0 (C)........J Hart 61 SF
3 (12) 323643 **FLEUR DE MER** (16) (V) M Todhunter 6 10-0 (C)........P Mulrennan ●63 GS
4 (5) 0-7578 **BRUNELLO BREEZE** (16) (B) L Bailey 7 9-12 (CD)........J Garritty 60 SS
5 (13) 23-523 **JEDHI KNIGHT** (20) (B) P Midgley 4 9-9 (SF)........D Nolan 60 G
6 (9) 9-8990 **CARWYN** (24) P Morris 3 9-9........D E Hogan 58 S
7 (1) 312230 **FOREVER PERFECT** (21) R Menzies 3 9-8 (D) (EW)........C Fallon 59 ST
8 (4) 43-658 **WAVE POWER** (24) L Bailey 3 9-5........B Garritty 54 G
9 (2) 443323 **MUHIB** (16) Olly Williams 5 9-4........W Fentiman (3) 60 ST
10 (6) 35/778 **GALAHAD THREEPWOOD** (20) Ewan Whillans 9 9-4 (D)........G Fairley 57 S
11 (3) -04445 **STAR OF MARKINCH** (20) Gary Rutherford 10 9-3........Rhys Elliott (5) 54 GS
12 (7) 5-5437 **GEMICAL** (70) (V) R Menzies 3 9-1........Amie Waugh (3) 57 G
13 (10) 890 **NIFFLER** (115) Sir M Prescott 3 8-10 (F)........L Morris 54 SF
14 (14) 9790 **ROMEO'S GUARDIAN** (46) (B) H Palmer 3 8-8........A Elliott 51 ST

BETTING: 3 Jedhi Knight, 4 Muhib, 5 Niffler, 6 Fleur De Mer, 7 Billy Bathgate, 14 Romeo's Guardian, Forever Perfect, Hickton.
2025: No corresponding race.

6.54 TRUSTED BETTING SITE REVIEWS GAMBLING.COM FILLIES' RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (4) 7f Winner £5,400 (9 run)

1 (2) 21 **QUEEN'S HAME** (21) W Haggas 3 9-6 (SF)........C Fallon ●79 GF
2 (3) **MISS VERONIKA** (J279) B Ellison 4 9-2........B Robinson - -
3 (8) 7-1 **STAR OF COMMALA** (20) J Chapple-Hyam 3 9-2 (D) (F)..Molly K-Price (7) 78 ST
4 (9) 7 **MYSTIC WAVE** (22) D Thompson 4 9-0........D E Hogan - -
5 (4) 4 **NAVERTITY** (79) S Hanlon 3 8-13........J Hart 63 ST
6 (7) 68 **BOWIE LASS** (12) N Tinkler 3 8-11........F McManoman 45 G
7 (6) **JANORA** S Spencer 3 8-11........D Swift - -
8 (1) 64 **ROCCAPINA** (24) G Tuer 3 8-9........JP Sullivan 75 GF
9 (5) 4 **SUNTINO LADY** (12) D & N Barron 3 8-9 (EW)........W Pyle 67 GF

BETTING: 8-11 Queen's Hame, 2 Star Of Commala, 14 Roccapina, Navertity, 16 Suntino Lady, 25 Janora, 33 Miss Veronika, 100 Bowie Lass, 250 Mystic Wave.
2025: No corresponding race.

7.24 COMPARE BETTING SITES AT GAMBLING.COM FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) (3) (2-Y-O) 7f Winner £7,020 (8 run)

1 (4) 1 **SPIRITED GESTURE** (19) J & T Gosden 9-9 (D) (SF)........R Havlin ●85 GF
6-4 (9-2) Won at Newmarket 7f 2yo fll nov stks (3) gf beating Kiah (9-2) by 2¼l, 7 ran
2 (1) 41 **ANGEL IN MY HEART** (34) A Keatley 9-6 (F)........O McSweeney 76 GF
13-8fav (9-2) Won at Pontefract 6f 2yo nov stk (4) gf in Jul beating Baldetti (9-7) by nk
3 (6) **ALL I KNOW** Phillip Makin 9-2........P Mulrennan - -
Pinatubo filly out of Rimth.
4 (8) 69 **NOCCALULA FALLS** (23) P Midgley 9-2........B Garritty 47 GF
66-1 (9-2) 9th of 13, 13l behind Black Velvet Boy (9-7) at Beverley 5f 2yo mdn (5) gf
5 (2) 87 **ONE SHOT KODI** (26) K Ryan 9-2........T Eaves 67 SS
125-1 (8-13) 7th of 14, 4l behind Asander (9-4) at Newcastle 6f nov stks (4) in Jul
6 (5) **ORTANIQUE** Sir M Prescott 9-2 (EW)........L Morris - -
Oasis Dream filly out of Cascanueces.
7 (7) **RUBYROO** H Palmer 9-2........J Hart - -
Supremacy filly out of Tencaratrubieslace.
8 (3) 6 **TEXTING** (45) I Furtado 9-2........A Jary (3) 58 GF
66-1 (8-13) 6th of 11, 8l behind Lady Rosalind (9-2) at Ripon 6f 2yo fll nov stks (5) gd

BETTING: 11-8 Spirited Gesture, 9-4 Angel In My Heart, 3 Rubyroo, 16 Ortanique, 20 One Shot Kodi, 25 Texting, All I Know, 66 Noccalula Falls.
2025: No corresponding race.

IN FORM

TRAINERS: N Richards 2-4 (50%), C Appleby 12-26 (46%), E Bethell 9-22 (41%), D Skelton 2-5 (40%), L Mullaney 2-5 (40%), A Keatley 2-6 (33%), Charlie Clover 3-9 (33%), J Candlish 2-6 (33%), J & T Gosden 4-13 (31%), R Beckett 8-28 (29%), S Woods 2-7 (29%), R Varian 5-18 (28%), C Cox 6-22 (27%), M Botti 6-22 (27%), C Fellowes 3-12 (25%).
JOCKEYS: Danny McMenamin 2-4 (50%), Ryan Moore 8-18 (44%), Warren Fentiman 3-7 (43%), Harry Skelton 2-5 (40%), Oisin Orr 13-34 (38%), Hector Crouch 13-35 (37%), S A Gray 5-14 (36%), Mikey Sheehy 3-10 (30%), Rhys Clutterbuck 3-10 (30%), William Buick 3-10 (30%), Daniel Tudhope 11-38 (29%), Billy Loughnane 16-60 (27%).

LONGEST TRAVELLER

By road, trainer **Ralph Beckett** sends **CENTIGRADE** (3.00), **TATTYCORAM** (3.35), **A LA PROCHAINE** and **K SARRA** (both 4.10), plus **ZOOELLA** (5.20) on a 251-mile trip from Kimpton, Hampshire to **York.**

7.54 HARRY POTTER DRONEART SHOW NURSERY (4) (2-Y-O) 5f Winner £5,234 (6 run)

1 (5) 421 **INFLUENCER MAN** (9) A Keatley 9-11(6ex) (D) (F)........O McSweeney 81 GF
2-1fav (9-9) Won at Carlisle 5f 2yo hcp 0-75 (5) gd beating Concert Pitch (8-13) by nk
2 (2) 2424 **THIS MOMENT** (10) G Boughey 9-9........Grace McEntee 78 GF
4-1 (9-3) 4th of 5, 1½l behind Keep Kicking On (9-7) at Windsor 6f 2yo hcp 0-85 (4) gf
3 (4) 2623 **CASINO STAR** (13) K R Burke 9-6 (BF) (SF)........J Nicholls (3) 83 G
2-1fav (8-12) 3rd of 5, 3l behind Dance A Jig (9-9) at Haydock 5f 2yo hcp 0-95 (3) gd
4 (6) 92310 **MAY BEE IN PROFIT** (20) T Easterby 9-3 (D)........J Dickson (5) 82 G
33-1 (8-10) 17th of 18, 36l behind Revels (9-6) at Goodwood 6f 2yo hcp (2) gf in Jul
5 (1) 35680 **SOCIAL SPIRIT** (20) M & D Easterby 9-1........B Garritty 80 G
80-1 (8-8) 13th of 18, 11l behind Revels (9-6) at Goodwood 6f 2yo hcp (2) gf in Jul
6 (3) 0523 **STAR PEOPLE** (17) (B) J & S Quinn 9-1........J Hart ●84 GF
4-1 (9-6) 3rd of 7, ¾l behind Mobadir (9-3) at Nottingham 6f hcp 0-75 2yo (5) gf

BETTING: 2 Casino Star, 5-2 Influencer Man, 7-2 Star People, 13-2 This Moment, 12 Social Spirit, May Bee In Profit.
2025: No corresponding race.

8.24 KNOX HYDRATE HANDICAP (4) 5f Winner £5,234 (13 run)

1 (4) 220159 **TRUE PROMISE** (19) Fionn McSharry 5 10-1 (CD)........H Russell 81 ST
20-1 (10-1) 9th of 12, 7l behind Accrual (9-9) at Thirsk 5f hcp 0-80 (4) gd
2 (8) 0-983R **STAR MATERIAL** (22) A Keatley 3 10-0 (D)........O McSweeney 79 G
13-2 (9-6) Won by Archduke Ferdinand (9-3) at Redcar 6f app hcp 0-85 (4) gf in Jul
3 (5) -01876 **CHANGEOFMIND** (41) D Carroll 6 9-13 (D)........Z Wheatley 83 G
11-1 (9-4) Last of 6, 7l behind Top Juggler (9-2) at Chester 5f hcp 0-85 (4) gd in Jul
4 (11) 048528 **LETHAL NYMPH** (26) P Midgley 7 9-13 (BF, CD)........D Nolan 83 GS
3-1fav (11-12) 8th of 17, 2¼l behind Kodiac Thriller (11-12) at York 5f hcp 0-80 (4) gf in Jul
5 (12) 20-500 **DURAN** (68) N Tinkler 5 9-12 (D)........F McManoman 81 S
33-1 (9-10) 16th of 21, 10l behind Musical Touch (9-6) at York 6f hcp 0-85 (4) gd in Jun
6 (7) 098994 **SMART VISION** (28) Jessica Macey 5 9-11 (C, D) (EW)........L Edmunds 79 S
4-1 (10-0) 4th of 7, 3½l behind Arry Up (9-7) at Sandown 5f hcp 0-80 (4) gf in Jul
7 (2) 210690 **COPPER KNIGHT** (26) T Easterby 12 9-11 (CD)........JP Sullivan 84 ST
5-1 (9-9) 10th of 11, 2¾l behind Aces Wild (9-1) at Chester 5f hcp 0-85 (4) gd in Jul
8 (9) 732111 **AZUINTHEJUNGLE** (13) N Tinkler 4 9-10 (D) (SF)........A Jary (3) 81 GF
9-4fav (9-5) Won at Thirsk 5f hcp 0-75 (5) gd beating Vince L'Amour (9-7) by ½l, 6 ran
9 (3) 210411 **LITTLE MI MI** (19) I Jardine 5 9-10 (CD)........J Nicholls (3) 82 GF
4-1fav (9-4) Won at Hamilton 5f hcp 0-75 (5) gd beating Oriental Prince (9-3) by 1¼l
10 (6) 11-497 **BUZZ BOX** (21) M Herrington 5 9-9 (CD)........J Hart ●86 ST
40-1 (10-2) 7th of 11, 4½l off Mission Command (8-13) at Wolverhampton 6f clm stks (6)
11 (10) 140963 **CASTAN** (7) B Smart 6 9-8 (CD) (F)........P Mulrennan 79 G
10-1 (9-8) 3rd of 10, 2l behind Shazani (9-4) at Beverley 5f hcp 0-75 (5) gf
12 (13) 44-646 **ICE COLD ALEX** (79) O Pears 3 9-2 (BF, D)........L Morris 78 G
3-1fav (9-7) 6th of 7, 19l behind Dolos Dream (9-8) at Pontefract 5f 3yo hcp 0-75 (5) gd
13 (1) 3-0671 **TOO MUCH** (26) (H) D Thompson 6 8-10 (CD)........D E Hogan 82 SF
7-2 (9-9) Won at Newcastle 5f hcp (6) in Jul beating Ellie's De Vega (9-0) by 2½l, 10 ran

BETTING: 10-3 Little Mi Mi, 9-2 Azuinthejungle, 13-2 Castan, 8 Too Much, Lethal Nymph, 10 True Promise, 12 Smart Vision, 14 Copper Knight, Star Material.
2025: NORTHERN SPIRIT 5 9 11, Ben Robinson 13-2 (B Ellison), drawn (3), 14 ran.

8.54 MINI GOLF AT HIGH GOSFORTH PARK HANDICAP (6) 6f Winner £3,245 (14 run)

1 (2) 1-8650 **OTTAWA** (14) L Bailey 4 9-9 (D)........J Garritty 64 ST
2 (3) 615062 **OPERATION GIMCRACK** (19) B Smart 6 9-8 (C) (SF)........P Mulrennan 69 GS
3 (10) 614009 **SECRET ROAD** (77) Samantha & Jacqueline Coward 8 9-8 (CD)...Rhys Elliott (5) 66 G
4 (14) 7597-2 **GEMINI STAR** (96) J & S Birkett 6 9-8 (BF) (F)........D E Hogan ●70 G
5 (4) -45494 **DONALD** (19) D & N Barron 4 9-7 (EW)........W Pyle 64 G
6 (6) 347533 **GET UP EVERYBODY** (19) P Midgley 4 9-6 (BF)........D Nolan 68 GF
7 (7) 866648 **MOUNT RUAPEHU** (19) I Jardine 6 9-6 (CD)........J Nicholls (3) 67 GS
8 (1) 508481 **WHITE UMBRELLA** (10) (B) C Kellett 7 9-5 (D)........J Hart 67 ST
9 (9) 359 **MULTANEIGHTTOTHREE** (177) G Tuer 4 9-4........L Edmunds 65 ST
10 (5) 436436 **MART** (13) D Donovan 5 9-2 (BF, C, D)........L Morris 69 ST
11 (11) 438691 **ASADJUMEIRAH** (20) A Brittain 8 9-1 (CD)........J Dickson (5) 66 SL
12 (13) -03234 **WAIT FOR IT** (16) L Bailey 4 8-13........B Garritty 67 SL
13 (12) 624743 **DESERT MASTER** (20) (V) A Brittain 5 8-9 (C)........A Jary (3) 68 GS
14 (8) 268486 **NEWYORKSTATEOFMIND** (13) (B) R Carr 9 8-9 (C, D)........JP Sullivan 64 G

BETTING: 11-2 Asadjumeirah, 6 Operation Gimcrack, Get Up Everybody, Gemini Star, 8 Desert Master, White Umbrella, 10 Donald, 12 Mount Ruapehu, Wait For It.
2025: No corresponding race.

STRATFORD

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GOING: Good to Firm.
COURSE: Left-handed triangular shaped track of 1m 2f, with eight fences per circuit and a run-in of 200 yards.
TOP TRAINERS: D Skelton 32-137 (23.4%), G Hanmer 18-82 (22.0%), J Snowden 17-70 (24.3%), N & W Twiston-Davies 17-82 (20.7%), A King 16-50 (32.0%), B Pauling 15-57 (26.3%), James Owen 10-48 (20.8%), J Candlish 6-31 (19.4%).
TRAINER TARGETS (won today's race at least twice in last 10 years): Christian Williams won the 7.36 in '22 and '23.
1ST TIME HOODS: 8.06 Glance At Me.
PROFITABLE RACES FOR FAVS: 5.35.
TOP JOCKEYS: Sean Bowen 35-131 (26.7%), Harry Skelton 26-88 (29.5%), Sam Twiston-Davies 21-104 (20.2%), Kielan Woods 17-72 (23.6%), Tom Bellamy 12-73 (16.4%), Harry Cobden 8-38 (21.1%), James Bowen 8-60 (13.3%).
CHEEKPIECES: 6.06 Kom Tu Voudras, Torrent, 6.36 Captain Cool, Crebilly, Sir Tivo, 7.06 Dunkerque, Krak, 7.36 Winning Paddy, 8.06 Versatile*.
TONGUE STRAPS: 6.06 Kom Tu Voudras, 6.36 Captain Cool, Magistrato, Sir Tivo, 7.36 Flashy Boy, Glenmalure Flyer, 8.06 Clever Relation*, Diesel Line, Glance At Me*, Jet Patrol. (*=1st time).
1ST RUN SINCE WIND OP: 8.06 Berry Edge, Glance At Me.

NEWSBOY
5.35 PORCUPINE BANK
6.06 TORRENT
6.36 CAPTAIN COOL
7.06 SAMUEL SPADE
7.36 YES AND YES
8.06 MAYDAY GAMES

BOUVERIE
5.35 PORCUPINE BANK
6.06 REBEL TRIBESMAN
6.38 CAPTAIN COOL
7.06 SAMUEL SPADE
7.36 GLENMALURE FLYER
8.06 NORTHERN ROSE

5.35 RACING TV CLUB DAY NOVICES' HURDLE (GBB RACE) (4) 2m 6f Winner £5,446 (2 run)

SPOT FORM

1 3-113 **PORCUPINE BANK** (23) G Elliott (IRE) 4 11-8 (SF)........S Bowen ●134 G
2 2P-231 **FINE THING** (36) D Skelton 5 11-0........H Skelton 113 G

BETTING: 2-5 Porcupine Bank, 2 Fine Thing.
2025: KNIGHTS AFFAIR 5 11 7, Gavin Sheehan 13-8 (J Snowden), 4 ran.

6.06 HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY HELEN HANDICAP HURDLE (4) 2m 6f Winner £3,433 (5 run)

1 0953-4 **NOTNOWLINDA** (105) D Skelton 9 11-7 (BF)........H Skelton 117 FM
2 122-12 **REBEL TRIBESMAN** (33) J Snowden 5 11-7 (SF)........J J Burke ●118 G
3 1-2164 **KOM TU VOUDRAS** (27) Faye Bramley 6 11-7........H Cobden 114 S
4 P6-453 **TORRENT** (27) N Hawke 5 11-7........D Noonan 116 GF
5 01-232 **KITTYS GLANCE** (48) A King 5 11-2 (BF) (F)........T Bellamy 116 G

BETTING: 2 Rebel Tribesman, 3 Kittys Glance, 7-2 Torrent, 5 Kom Tu Voudras, 6 Notnowlinda.
2025: No corresponding race.

6.36 BRIAN AND SHEILA VAUGHAN MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (GBB RACE) (2) 2m 3f Winner £13,008 (6 run)

1 8P5-14 **CREBILLY** (53) J & A O'Neill 9 11-7 (D)........H Cobden - -
18-5 (11-5) 4th of 10, 9l behind Oakley (10-8) at Uttoxeter 2m 7f hcp hdl (2) gd in Jun
2 11145- **MAGISTRATO** (152) Deborah Cole 8 11-5 (CD)........J Bowen 139 FM
16-1 (10-13) 5th of 7, 24l behind Static (10-8) at Bangor-on-Dee 2m 4f hcp hdl (2) gd
3 1P-151 **BAGHEERA GINGE** (52) (V) N & W T-Davies 8 11-5 (CD) (SF)...... S T-Davies 137 G
7-1 (12-2) Won at Stratford 2m 7f hcp chs 0-120 (4) gf beating Nickelforce (11-13) by 10l
4 112213 **CAPTAIN COOL** (32) J Candlish 6 11-4 (BF, C) (F)........Sean Quinlan ●141 G
13-8fav (11-3) 3rd of 5, 1½l behind Sir Tivo (11-2) at Stratford 2m 1f hcp chs (2) gf in Jul
5 41-525 **PARISENCORE** (39) N Richards 10 11-3........D McMenamin 140 G
11-2 (11-9) 5th of 7, 30l behind Grand Clermont (11-3) at Perth 3m hcp chs 0-130 (3) gd
6 1-4231 **SIR TIVO** (32) G Hanmer 12 11-2 (C)........S Bowen 137 GF
10-1 (11-2) Won at Stratford 2m 1f hcp chs (2) gf in Jul beating In The Air (11-3) by 1¼l

BETTING: 5-2 Sir Tivo, 11-4 Bagheera Ginge, 4 Captain Cool, 5 Crebilly, 8 Magistrato, 10 Parisencore.
2025: MAGISTRATO 7 10 2, Ben Jones 7-2 (Deborah Cole), 7 ran.

7.06 QUINNBET NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (GBB RACE) (3) 2m 7f Winner £6,680 (3 run)

1 1-1112 **DUNKERQUE** (31) J Candlish 6 11-10........Sean Quinlan 133 G
3-1 (11-10) 2nd of 4, 5l off Passing Diamond (10-5) at Cartmel 2m 1f nov hcap ch (3) gd
2 8-4152 **SAMUEL SPADE** (36) B Pauling 7 11-6 (D) (SF)........Beau Morgan (5) ●135 S
5-2 (10-8) 2nd of 4, 4l behind Sunray Shadow (11-0) at Uttoxeter 3m nov hcap ch (3) gd
3 0P-243 **KRAK** (31) D Skelton 6 10-12........H Skelton 134 GF
5-1 (11-1) 3rd of 4, 20l behind Passing Diamond (10-5) at Cartmel 2m 1f nov hcap ch (3) gd

BETTING: 5-4 Samuel Spade, 13-8 Dunkerque, 3 Krak.
2025: TOPGUN SIMMY 6 11 10, Paddy Hanlon(7) 11-10 Fav (J J Hanlon(Ire)), 3 ran.

7.36 HAPPY BIRTHDAY SUE HANDICAP CHASE (5) 3m 3f 119yds Winner £4,040 (6 run)

1 351-13 **GLENMALURE FLYER** (51) D Skelton 8 12-0 (BF) (F)........H Skelton 97 GF
2 57-154 **WINNING PADDY** (48) Alexandra Dunn 8 11-6........R McLernon 101 H
3 7F51-1 **YES AND YES** (92) B Clarke 9 11-4 (CD) (SF)........Lee Edwards ●102 GF
4 346P-5 **ILLOGICAL LOGIC** (58) Christian Williams 8 10-9........J Tudor 82 GS
5 P1P-45 **FLASHY BOY** (32) R L Llewellyn 9 10-2........Charlie Price 72 G
6 4-6335 **THE KINGS SOLDIER** (55) Tracey Leeson 5 10-2........O Palmer (7) 81 GS

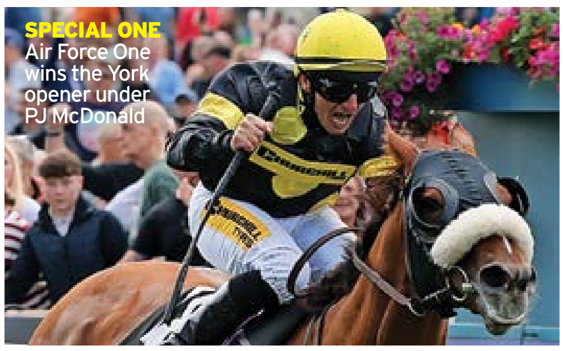
BETTING: 5-6 Yes And Yes, 3 Glenmalure Flyer, 10 Winning Paddy, Illogical Logic, 12 The Kings Soldier, Flashy Boy.
2025: MY GIRL KATIE 8 10 8, Conor Ring 11-8 Fav (G Harris), 6 ran.

8.06 SUN RACING SUMMER JUMPS CHAMPIONSHIP HANDICAP HURDLE (5) 2m Winner £3,776 (12 run)

1 45-232 **RETETI** (52) (H) Miss S West 6 12-0........M Goldstein 99 S
2 80-295 **EYEEYE** (F22) C Ellam 6 12-0........B J Powell ●107 G
3 3-4349 **VERSATILE** (27) James Owen 5 11-12 (EW)........J J Burke 101 G
4 1P6-45 **JET PATROL** (27) James Owen 9 11-9 (CD)........S Bowen 100 G
5 344-F7 **DIESEL LINE** (46) C & A Pogson 8 11-7 (D)........J Bowen 97 FM
6 /F0-17 **MAYDAY GAMES** (27) S Lycett 7 11-6 (BF, CD)........K Woods 104 G
7 577-45 **LORD CAUVELLIERE** (78) Sheila Lewis 5 11-5 (CD)........Sean Houlihan 99 GF
8 88P/2 **CLEVER RELATION** (77) Christian Williams 6 10-13........J Tudor 98 GS
9 95313- **BERRY EDGE** (156) D Skelton 8 10-13 (D) (F)........H Skelton 102 GS
10 217PP/ **GLANCE AT ME** (793) (H) Andrew Martin 8 10-11 (D)..... Shane Quinlan (3) - -
11 2-9221 **NORTHERN ROSE** (25) G Hanmer 6 10-11 (D) (SF)........J M Davies 99 G
12 8-2P43 **ANGEL OF MY DREAMS** (32) D Killahena & G McPherson 5 10-2 (D)...N Slatter (3) 70 G

BETTING: 9-2 Northern Rose, 5 Reteti, Berry Edge, 13-2 Lord Cauvelliere, 8 Mayday Games, Clever Relation, Jet Patrol, 14 Diesel Line, Versatile.
2025: JET PATROL 8 10 11, Sean Bowen 3-1 (James Owen), 11 ran.

RESULTS & PRICES



SPECIAL ONE Air Force One wins the York opener under PJ McDonald

YORK

1.50: AIR FORCE ONE (P J McDonald 13-2) 1; **Corolla Point** (5-1 jt-f) 2; **Toca Madera** (5-1 jt-f) 3; **Apollo One** (16-1) 4. 21 ran. 1¼, 1l, 1l. (G Oldroyd). Tote: £9.25; £2.60, £1.90, £1.85, £4.70. Tote Exacta: £70.10. Tricast: £192.49. Trifecta: £331.20. CSF: £40.11. NR: Toyotomi.

2.25: HAFFNER (R L Moore 11-8f) 1; **Gentle Hurricane** (7-2) 2; **Trean** (9-2) 3. 10 ran. 2l, ½. (A P O'Brien (IRE)). Tote: £2.38; £1.15, £1.50, £2.00. Tote Exacta: £8.40. Tricast: £16.54. Trifecta: £25.40. CSF: £5.80. NR: Confucius.

3.00: MALTESE CROSS (T Marquand 9-4) 1; **Pierre Bonnard** (100-30) 2; **Christmas Day** (6-4f) 3. 6 ran. 2l, 2¼. (W Haggas). Tote: £3.25; £1.25, £2.05. Tote Exacta: £9.20. Trifecta: £15.10. CSF: £9.92.

3.35: ITEM (C T Keane 10-1) 1; **Almaqam** (14-1) 2; **Constitution River** (7-4) 3. 8 ran. 5-6f Ombudsman. hd, 3½. (A Balding). Tote: £13.60; £2.00, £2.45, £1.10. Tote Exacta: £129.60. Tricast: £360.50. Trifecta: £351.30. CSF: £121.82. NR: Pride Of Arras.

4.10: SMALL FRY (D Browne McMonagle 2-1f) 1; **Mountain Road** (20-1) 2; **Ride The Thunder** (11-1) 3; **Westminster Moon** (40-1) 4. 16 ran. 1l, 3½, 1¼. (J P O'Brien (IRE)). Tote: £3.10; £1.45, £6.55, £3.70. Tote Exacta: £70.40. Tricast: £406.64. Trifecta: £554.20. CSF: £54.90. NR: Ghaiyya.

4.45: MISS YECHANCE (J Nicholls 9-1) 1; **Manatee Mehmas** (10-1) 2; **Naana's Shadow** (4-1 f) 3; **Baker Blue** (14-1) 4. 19 ran. 1¼, ¾, 1l. (K R Burke). Tote: £10.00; £2.85, £4.35, £1.65. Tote Exacta: £119.70. Tricast: £446.35. Trifecta: £539.40. CSF: £100.06.

5.20: HENLEY ON THAMES (David Egan 4-1jt-f) 1; **Super Tuscan** (16-1) 2; **The Dancing Pirate** (4-1 jt-f) 3; **God Given Talent** (15-2) 4. 18 ran. nk, ½, nk. (K P De Foy). Tote: £5.60; £1.85, £4.10, £2.00, £2.80. Tote Exacta: £85.40. Tricast: £246.17. Trifecta: £462.60. CSF: £68.75. NRs: Crystal Queen, Dubai Champion, Elevating, Persian Spring.

Jackpot: £10,000.00.
Placepot: £35.70. **Quadpot:** £19.20.

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2.05: DIAMOND NEW BAY (S James 11-4) 1; **Guadalevin** (6-5f) 2; **Ma Blushin Rosie** (100-30) 3. 7 ran. ¾, ns. (K R Burke). Tote: £3.75; £1.70, £1.10. Tote Exacta: £6.60. Trifecta: £19.10. CSF: £6.32.

2.38: GREEN AREA (C Beasley 15-8) 1; **Peace Belle** (4-9f) 2; **Lazy In Red** (28-1) 3. 3 ran. 6l, 10l. (C Johnston). Tote: £2.88; Tote Exacta: £3.10. Trifecta: £3.00. CSF: £3.20. NR: Aleatrix.

3.13: APRIL DIAMOND (A Mullen 17-2) 1; **Zous Juice** (9-2) 2; **Renewable Dream** (15-2) 3. 10 ran. 5-2f Reenie's Dream. shd, 3½. (I Jardine). Tote: £9.50; £2.60, £1.30, £2.80. Tote Exacta: £51.10. Tricast: £306.54. Trifecta: £449.00. CSF: £47.05.

3.48: SUPREME DANCER (E Tindall 100-30) 1; **Big Apple Jack** (5-2) 2; **Our Nicola** (33-1) 3. 9 ran. 11-8f Hey Havana. 1½, 1l. (R & P Fahey). Tote: £4.34; £1.30, £1.20, £5.30. Tote Exacta: £13.30. Tricast: £236.14. Trifecta: £138.50. CSF: £12.46.

4.20: COUNT PALATINE (S B Kirrane 17-2) 1; **Son** (100-30jt-f) 2; **Golden Strike** (7-2) 3. 10 ran. 100-30jt-f Native Instinct. shd, 2¼. (M Dods). Tote: £10.00; £1.70, £2.70, £1.80. Tote Exacta: £43.10. Tricast: £120.76. Trifecta: £219.40. CSF: £37.10. NRs: Commander Of Life, Lord Bertie. Result Stands.

4.55: DREAM FOREVER (JP Sullivan 33-1) 1; **Yellow Diamonds** (15-8f) 2; **Hares Bredth** (5-2) 3. 8 ran. nk, nk. (J O'Keeffe). Tote: £45.70; £5.80, £1.30, £1.30. Tote Exacta: £165.00. Tricast: £226.23. Trifecta: £717.70. CSF: £94.79.

5.30: BETWEEN ME AND U (D Allan 10-1) 1; **Keep An Eye On It** (11-4f) 2; **Hostility** (100-30) 3. 9 ran. nk, ¾. (M Herrington). Tote: £11.30; £3.00, £1.30, £1.60. Exacta: £42.20. Tricast: £115.51. Trifecta: £156.50. CSF: £38.47. NRs: Captain Corelli, Princess Niyla.

Placepot: £64.20. **Quadpot:** £17.60.

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5.02: KING ROLY (J Bowen 5-1) 1; **Harrys Hope** (5-1) 2; **Smugglers Haven** (7-4f) 3. 6 ran. 4¼, 10l. (M Bowen). Tote: £6.30; £2.90, £2.00. Tote Exacta: £29.80. Trifecta: £83.80. CSF: £28.05.

5.33: GETAWAY JEWEL (B Hughes 12-1) 1; **Turpin Gold** (6-1) 2; **Dexter** (10-1) 3. 10 ran. 15-8f Mr Mcwhinny. 1¼, ¾. (M Hammond). Tote: £16.20; £3.50, £1.40, £2.70. Tote Exacta: £135.00. Tricast: £761.44. Trifecta: £1024.50. CSF: £84.97.

6.03: TAKE THE BOAT (H Bannister 100-30) 1; **Datstheholyallofit** (8-1) 2; **Nala The Lioness** (28-1) 3. 14 ran. 15-8f Sparkling Water. ¾, 22l. (G Nicholls). Tote: £5.40; £3.20, £1.40, £6.40. Tote Exacta: £39.70. Trifecta: £515.30. CSF: £29.83. NR: Dreaming Of The Dr.

6.38: ROAD TO WEMBLEY (Mr T Walsh 9-2) 1; **Square D'alboni** (5-1) 2; **Shesonnet** (14-1) 3. 10 ran. 9-4f Newbrook Diamond. ¾, 3¾. (O Murphy). Tote: £4.38; £1.70, £1.80, £2.60. Tote Exacta: £18.00. Trifecta: £90.00. CSF: £17.12. NRs: Handmedownastar, Phantom Gold. Handmedownastar| Rule 4 applies to All Bets, deduct 25p in the pound.

7.08: STARSHINE LEGEND (S Bowen 14-1) 1; **Warner's Cross** (100-30jt-f) 2; **Lucky In Taipan** (5-1) 3. 9 ran. 100-30jt-f Gone In Sixty. 4¾, ½. (O Murphy). Tote: £15.00; £2.30, £1.50, £1.90. Tote Exacta: £30.30. Tricast: £272.74. Trifecta: £150.20. CSF: £61.72. NR: Mrs Biddle.

7.38: ROYAL RHYTHM (R McLernon 11-2) 1; **Crafty Gael** (3-1f) 2; **Bound For Glory** (4-1) 3. 8 ran. 9½, 2¾. (J & A O'Neill). Tote: £6.80; £1.70, £1.30, £1.40. Tote Exacta: £26.20. Tricast: £73.52. Trifecta: £87.80. CSF: £23.28. NRs: Onehundredneighty, Usyk.

8.08: BETTY'S TIARA (B R Jones 28-1) 1; **Back In The Bay** (16-1) 2; **Stiletto** (10-1) 3. 15 ran. 15-8f Mancero. nk, 1¼. (B Pauling). Tote: £41.00; £7.90, £5.40, £7.50. Tote Exacta: £735.40. Tricast: £4784.32. Trifecta: £1087.70. CSF: £451.14. NRs: Final Entry, October Hill.

Placepot: £664.30. **Quadpot:** £22.90.

KEMPTON

5.25: MERRY (D Muscutt 4-1) 1; **Withtearsinmyeyes** (4-5f) 2; **River Nile** (16-1) 3. 9 ran. 2¾, 1l. (James Horton). Tote: £5.20; £1.20, £1.02, £3.50. Tote Exacta: £13.80. Trifecta: £76.50. CSF: £7.78.

5.58: SAKOWIN (F Marsh 9-4f) 1; **Perfect Hope** (15-2) 2; **Printing Money** (8-1) 3. 13 ran. 1¼, nk. (R Hughes). Tote: £3.25; £1.40, £2.90, £2.80. Tote Exacta: £24.80. Tricast: £129.38. Trifecta: £255.40. CSF: £19.95.

6.30: SONIC ANGEL (J Mitchell 7-4) 1; **Liberty's Hall** (25-1) 2; **Give Hand** (40-1) 3. 12 ran. 11-10f Algaihabane. 5½, 2¾. (S & E Crisford). Tote: £2.75; £1.10, £4.40, £6.60. Tote Exacta: £52.00. Trifecta: £838.90. CSF: £53.42. NR: Thunder Home.

7.00: LIBERATE (P-L Jamin 5-2jt-f) 1; **Quiet Summer** (12-1) 2; **St Hilda** (9-2) 3. 12 ran. 5-2jt-f Bankatary. hd, 2½. (Harry Eustace). Tote: £3.50; £1.40, £3.50, £1.80. Tote Exacta: £36.20. Trifecta: £161.20. CSF: £37.47. Result Stands.

7.30: VICTORY ACE (S M Levey 9-4) 1; **Mr Professor** (22-1) 2; **Lucky Camino** (17-2) 3. 9 ran. 7-4f Lake Como. 4¼, nk. (J Butler). Tote: £3.25; £1.20, £4.90, £2.70. Tote Exacta: £54.80. Tricast: £371.84. Trifecta: £303.70. CSF: £51.92. NR: Percy's Lad.

8.00: STARLIGHT TIME (R P Downey 13-2) 1; **Fight Your Corner** (9-2) 2; **Luzon Heights** (13-2) 3. 9 ran. 9-4f Exposure. nk, shd. (R Varian). Tote: £7.50; £1.50, £1.90, £2.20. Tote Exacta: £37.80. Tricast: £200.05. Trifecta: £257.60. CSF: £36.31. NR: Distinct Spirit.

8.30: CAVOLO NERO (Kaiya Fraser 13-8f) 1; **Malachy's Wish** (11-2) 2; **Helm Rock** (15-2) 3. 8 ran. 1¾, ½. (Harry Eustace). Tote: £2.63; £1.20, £1.80, £2.00. Tote Exacta: £10.20. Tricast: £53.15. Trifecta: £54.00. CSF: £11.41. NR: Royale Goodnight.

9.00: PIAZZA (D Muscutt 9-1) 1; **Santiago Boy** (6-1) 2; **Eduardo Calderon** (9-2) 3. 10 ran. 4-1jt-f Slack Bob, 4-1jt-f Obsidian Verse. 1½, ¾. (Ollie Sangster). Tote: £10.40; £2.90, £2.30, £2.20. Tote Exacta: £78.50. Tricast: £279.56. Trifecta: £607.40. CSF: £62.92. NR: Station Bar.

Placepot: £108.40. **Quadpot:** £37.90.

GREYHOUND RESULTS

MONMORE. - 11.03 Longacres Senna 10-3 (3-1-6, £16.94, TC: £41.39). **11.19 Dapper Danica 5-2** (2-1-3, £8.58, TC: £0.00). **11.36 Reefer Madness 9-4** (5-2-6, £11.64, TC: £0.00). **11.52 Longacres Danny 6-4f** (4-2-1, £4.47, TC: £0.00). **12.09 Hawkfield Bionic 10-3** (1-6-4, £7.61, TC: £0.00). **12.26 Tullymurry Skies 11-8f** (5-3-2, £10.44, TC: £28.14). **12.42 Jayavakno 6-5f** (1-3-2, £4.47, TC: £18.30). **12.59 Bangon Mrs Clock 5-2** (4-3-6, £6.53, TC: £0.00). **1.16 Elderberry Bingo 10-1** (6-5-2, £33.12, TC: £0.00). **1.31 Ballybough Mikey 5-6f** (6-4-3, £5.43, TC: £0.00). **1.46 Whisky Knight 4-1** (4-1-2, £16.85, TC: £63.88). **2.04 Citadel Bob 9-2** (4-1-3, £19.39, TC: £0.00).

NOTTINGHAM. - 11.25 Loxleys Vinnie 10-11f (5-1-4, £8.74, TC: £21.48). **11.41 Honour Roll 13-8f** (2-6-4, £10.15, TC: £21.45). **11.58 Skyfall Khan 5-2** (4-3-5, £6.98, TC: £0.00). **12.14 Tetra Revenge 7-2** (3-6-5, £20.42, TC: £76.12). **12.31 Wynwuff 3-1** (5-4-2, £8.60, TC: £0.00). **12.48 Sparta Pro 11-4** (4-2-5, £10.48, TC: £25.36). **1.06 Blackfriars Gold 11-4** (6-2-5, £13.24, TC: £31.69). **1.21 Crafty Can Do 5-2** (3-4-5, £13.83, TC: £0.00). **1.36 Noirs Fly 4-6f** (6-4-1, £4.53, TC: £0.00). **1.52 Grandad Bingo 11-4** (1-5-3, £10.76, TC: £0.00). **2.09 Honour Bellie 6-1** (4-2-5, £50.71, TC: £0.00).

TOWCESTER. - 11.14 Ballyclearylinks 10-3 (2-1-6, £23.66, TC: £105.58). **11.30 Likely Lady 13-8** (1-2-6, £4.51, TC: £15.75). **11.46 Ballymac Indo 5-2** (1-5-6, £24.35, TC: £0.00). **12.03 Fabulous Tamiko 7-2** (4-2-3, £18.64, TC: £47.70). **12.20 Boherash Jani 9-4** (1-6-3, £19.99, TC: £0.00). **12.37 Wraysbury Band 7-4f** (1-3-2, £5.96, TC: £0.00). **12.53 Salacres Farage 3-1** (1-3-4, £26.87, TC: £53.20). **1.11 Marshall Sam Evensf** (5-4-2, £3.36, TC: £0.00). **1.26 Fabulous Miley 5-1** (3-1-5, £37.73, TC: £72.13). **1.41 Fabulous Allana 9-4jt** (3-6-5, £9.25, TC: £30.34). **1.58 Choices Mile 3-1** (4-3-1, £8.68, TC: £0.00). **2.14 Plaza Kathleen 7-4jt** (5-6-3, £6.19, TC: £10.54).

TOP DOG'S BEST

SHEFFIELD: 11.03 Gurtnacrehy Rhys (1-6-4) 11.19 Killeacle Cher (4-6-3) 11.36 Clonbrien Robin (1-2-6) 11.52 Lexis Dunganon (3-4-1) 12.09 Olwinn Win (2-4-6) 12.26 Letter Magic (3-2-1) 12.42 Drumdoit Juniper (4-5-1) 12.59 Gwladys Queen (Nap) (1-4-5) 1.16 Tip Top Peaky (2-4-3) 1.31 Tumbledown (6-5-2) 1.46 Supa Mizzy (6-3-5) 2.04 Ten Ton Simba (5-4-6).

KINSLEY: 11.14 Madam Tiger (5-6-3) 11.30 Castlerock Cash (3-2-4) 11.46 Lamia (2-4-6) 12.03 Costly Chips (1-4-3) 12.20 Treamanagh Star (Nap) (1-5-2) 12.37 Daring Moaner (3-5-4) 12.53 Pomba Flo (1-4-2) 1.11 Glenbrookdiamond (2-3-6) 1.26 Hello Lady (5-3-2) 1.41 Romantic Ben (3-6-1) 1.58 Hazelgrove Flash (1-3-5) 2.14 Golan Zoe (1-3-4).

NOTTINGHAM: 11.25 Bellmore Queen (1-4-5) 11.41 Honour Beckham (Nap) (3-5-4) 11.58 Wolf Goggins (1-5-6) 12.14 Mid Tipp Maggie (4-5-6) 12.31 Keefill Amelia (4-1-3) 12.48 Demba Bark (2-3-5) 1.06 Monbeg Bella (2-1-4) 1.21 Wolf Flare (5-4-2) 1.36 Chasing Niamh (3-4-6) 1.52 Yoguartpotjohn (4-6-5) 2.09 Romantic Rosie (1-4-2).

IN THE SADDLE Q&A with BILLY LOUGHNANE

GREAT BRITISH RACING

Motorsport fan with the winning formula

BILLY LOUGHNANE is one of racing's most exciting young jockeys at aged just 20. He rode 222 winners last season, has already reach 100 this campaign, and has enjoyed a standout partnership with Bow Echo, partnering him to three Group 1 victories.

Q What would you say are your main attributes in the saddle?

A I try not to overcomplicate things, and I think I'm pretty versatile in terms of how I can ride a horse.

Q Best horse you've sat on and most memorable moment in the saddle?

A Bow Echo is the best I've ridden and my greatest moment so far is winning the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket on him.

Q If you could ride one race again, what would it be?

A The Guineas victory – just to experience that feeling again.

Q What are your main ambitions in the sport?

A To keep riding big winners, ride the best horses and to win the jockeys' championship.

Q Best advice you have been given?

A Work as hard as you can and listen to the people around you.

Q Hardest jockey to beat in a finish?

A It has got to be Ryan Moore.

Q What advice would you give to any apprentices coming through?

A Work as hard as you can and listen to the people around you. I'd also say take each day as it comes and don't look too far ahead. There are always going to be good and bad days in racing.

Q Are there any athletes you looked up to or admired?

A AP McCoy was my hero growing up. His drive to win and constantly be better is something I massively admire. The longevity of his career and what he achieved speaks for itself.

Q If you hadn't been a jockey, what would you be?

A Something involving horses. I've never really wanted to do anything else.

BRAVO ECHO Billy wins the 2,000 Guineas on Bow Echo

Q Favourite course and favourite Festival?

A Wolverhampton for the course and Royal Ascot for the Festival.

Q Describe yourself in three words

A Ambitious, determined and hardworking.

Q A trait you most value in others? And your worst habit?

A I admire loyalty. As for my bad habits, it's probably that I never switch off from racing.

Q Biggest passion away from racing?

A I am loving playing padel. I'm also a big Formula 1 fan and recently got to go around Goodwood with Max Hart at over 200mph, which I loved.

Q What would your superpower be?

A Teleportation – it would save a lot of hours driving between racecourses.

YORK ITV RACES TOMORROW ITV: 1.50-4.10 JACKPOT

RTV

1.50 SKY BET MILE HANDICAP (HERITAGE HANDICAP) (2) (3-Y-O) 1m Winner £51,540 (20 run)

1	(11)	44-101	**EXCLUSIVE CODE** (22) A Watson 9-9 (D)	James Doyle
2	(13)	-31101	**ST ANTON** (41) R Hannon 9-7 (D)	P Dobbs
3	(18)	1312	**OUTBACK HEAT** (64) Harry Eustace 9-6 (D)	Kaiya Fraser
4	(6)	7-774D	**COMMAND THE STARS** (25) G Scott 9-4 (D)	D Keenan
5	(5)	-24103	**BLUE COURVOISIER** (20) C Cox 9-2 (BF, D)	Rossa Ryan
6	(7)	1-1301	**NOELAN STAR** (25) E Bethell 9-2 (D)	D Tudhope
7	(4)	1-9042	**ZENNOR STORM** (22) W Haggas 9-2 (D)	T Marquand
8	(14)	1-7477	**LION OF ALBA** (22) H Palmer 9-0 (D)	D Probert
9	(19)	122411	**WELBURY** (13) E Bethell 9-0 (D)	Oisin Orr
10	(16)	11-300	**INTENSE VISION** (22) Oli Rix 9-0 (D)	S De Sousa
11	(12)	5-1314	**JEDDAAL** (20) E Walker 8-13 (BF, D)	K Shoemark
12	(17)	-55312	**IRONWILL** (20) S C Williams 8-12	M Ghiani
13	(2)	4-121	**BEARISH** (47) E Dunlop 8-11 (D)	O Murphy
14	(15)	62-41	**EKLLEEM** (64) W Haggas 8-11 (D)	W Buick
15	(10)	-23313	**KRASIMIR** (23) G M Lyons (IRE) 8-10 (D)	C T Keane
16	(20)	1-9742	**ASTRAZAR** (34) E Walker 8-9 (C)	Ashley Lewis (3)
17	(9)	2-3226	**STORMING POINT** (22) G & J Moore 8-9	R Hornby
18	(8)	290782	**DAYDREAMA** (25) T Easterby 8-8	JP Sullivan
19	(3)	751146	**START ME UP** (20) R Spencer 8-8	S Osborne
20	(1)	012	**LE SAMOURAI** (20) R Beckett 8-8	E Greatrex

BETTING: 11-2 Zennor Storm, 6 Exclusive Code, 7 Eklleem, 8 Blue Courvoisier, Outback Heat.

2.25 WEATHERBYS LONSDALE CUP STAKES (GROUP 2) (1) 2m Winner £141,775 (9 run)

1	(1)	7-2210	**CABALLO DE MAR** (64) G Scott 5 9-8 (D)	O Murphy
2	(5)	3-1327	**AL NAYYIR** (64) Tom Clover 8 9-5	W Buick
3	(6)	24-66U	**AMILOC** (24) R Beckett 4 9-5	Rossa Ryan
4	(9)	25-516	**CARMERS** (64) (V) P Twomey (IRE) 4 9-5 (D)	W J Lee
5	(3)	4536-0	**COLUMBUS** (J20) W P Mullins (IRE) 5 9-5	C T Keane
6	(7)	0-3524	**FRENCH MASTER** (24) (B) J & T Gosden 5 9-5	James Doyle
7	(4)	-36155	**ILLINOIS** (24) A P O'Brien (IRE) 5 9-5	R L Moore
8	(8)	4-2231	**MOUNT ATLAS** (41) A Balding 5 9-5 (C)	P J McDonald
9	(2)	65461/	**QUICKTHORN** (707) H Morrison 9 9-5 (CD)	T Marquand

BETTING: 9-4 Caballo De Mar, 3 Amiloc, 6 Carmers, 7 Al Nayyir, 8 Mount Atlas.

3.00 AL BASTI EQUIWORLD DUBAI GIMCRACK STAKES (GROUP 2) (1) (2-Y-O) 6f Winner £141,775 (12 run)

1	(3)	112222	**ADAAY OF SCARLETT** (22) H Palmer 9-2	O Murphy
2	(2)	61832	**AGAMEMNON** (19) R Hughes 9-2	K Shoemark
3	(5)	111	**ARAPAHO GOLD** (35) M Dods 9-2 (D)	C Beasley
4	(4)	2741	**FINAL OBJECTIVE** (7) H Al Jehani (UAE) 9-2 (D)	James Doyle
5	(6)	1	**GREAT OAK** (32) K R Burke 9-2 (D)	C Lee
6	(1)	213	**HELL OF A SPIN** (23) A Keatley 9-2	MP Sheehy
7	(7)	2	**MARCO POLO** (12) A P O'Brien (IRE) 9-2	R L Moore
8	(8)	11	**MATTEO** (83) K Ryan 9-2	K Stott
9	(10)	218	**MRAIR** (66) G Scott 9-2 (D)	T Marquand
10	(12)	33	**MUSSAB** (62) R & P Fahey 9-2	C T Keane
11	(9)	21	**NEVER ENOUGH** (27) E Walker 9-2 (D)	W Buick
12	(11)	7124	**RONSON** (49) N Tinkler 9-2 (BF)	S De Sousa

BETTING: 9-4 Arapaho Gold, 11-4 Adaay Of Scarlett, 11-2 Mrair, 6 Marco Polo, 10 Agamemnon.

3.35 COOLMORE CITY OF TROY NUNTHORPE STAKES (GROUP 1) (1) 5f Winner £340,260 (18 run)

1	(6)	07-090	**AIN'T NOBODY** (66) K Ryan 4 10-1 (D)	K Stott
2	(4)	-02061	**AMERICAN AFFAIR** (21) J Goldie 6 10-1 (CD)	P Mulrennan
3	(15)	-13801	**COVER UP** (34) S & E Crisford 6 10-1 (D)	W Buick
4	(16)	-49035	**JM JUNGLE** (21) (B) J & S Quinn 6 10-1 (CD)	J Hart
5	(2)	0-1100	**NIGHT RAIDER** (21) K R Burke 5 10-1 (BF, D)	James Doyle
6	(17)	713327	**PARTISAN HERO** (21) D Loughnane 6 10-1 (CD)	T Marquand
7	(18)	7-8141	**REDORANGE** (41) C Cox 4 10-1 (CD)	P J McDonald
8	(8)	0-2012	**RUMSTAR** (21) J Portman 6 10-1 (D)	R Hornby
9	(10)	74-604	**STARLUST** (41) R Beckett 5 10-1 (BF, CD)	Rossa Ryan
10	(5)	121-11	**BACIO** (63) W A Ward (USA) 3 9-13 (D)	Juan Hernandez
11	(7)	0-1117	**MISSION CENTRAL** (41) A P O'Brien (IRE) 3 9-13 (D)	R L Moore
12	(3)	-00794	**ASFOORA** (21) (B) Henry Dwyer (AUS) 8 9-12 (CD)	O Murphy
13	(14)	615050	**AZURE ANGEL** (21) (B) E Bethell 6 9-12 (D)	D Tudhope
14	(9)	254260	**HEAVENLY HEATHER** (41) T Waggott 5 9-12 (D)	B McHugh
15	(12)	6-5612	**RAYEVKA** (66) F Graffard (FR) 4 9-12 (D)	M Barzalona
16	(13)	-58003	**TIME FOR SANDALS** (21) Harry Eustace 4 9-12	K Shoemark
17	(1)	-56505	**FITZELLA** (19) H Palmer 3 9-10	C T Keane
18	(11)	32141	**PERSHAADA** (23) R Hannon 2 8-2 (D)	S De Sousa

BETTING: 3 Bacio, 5 Asfoora, Rayevka, 7 American Affair, 8 Mission Central, 12 Night Raider.

4.10 ASSURED DATA PROTECTION HANDICAP (HERITAGE HANDICAP) (2) 1m 4f Winner £61,848 (17 run)

1	(7)	31-639	**PLAGE DE HAVRE** (48) A Balding 5 9-12 (D)	P J McDonald
2	(3)	12-030	**WAVE RIDER** (24) G Scott 4 9-11	O Murphy
3	(11)	-16066	**FRENCH DUKE** (15) H Al Jehani (UAE) 5 9-9 (D)	James Doyle
4	(16)	0-7221	**MASTER VINTNER** (14) (B) R Beckett 4 9-8 (D)	Rossa Ryan
5	(12)	0-4175	**ERNST BLOFELD** (41) H Al Jehani (UAE) 4 9-7 (BF, D)	D Tudhope
6	(4)	-53032	**TYCOON** (27) K P De Foy 4 9-6	R L Moore
7	(5)	0600-1	**MASTER BUILDER** (100) D Menuisier 5 9-4 (CD)	T Marquand
8	(8)	713102	**SPORTINGSILVERMINE** (13) James Owen 5 9-4 (D)	M Ghiani
9	(14)	352112	**SAY WHAT YOU SEE** (15) L Bailey 4 9-3 (C, D)	B Garritty
10	(2)	941-12	**TRUTH BE TOLD** (32) M C Grassick (IRE) 4 9-3	W J Lee
11	(15)	60-811	**EXPLODE** (6) Faye Bramley 4 9-2 (D)	W Buick
12	(1)	049-88	**ZANNDABAD** (55) A J Martin (IRE) 7 9-1	J P Spencer
13	(9)	07-670	**SHADOW DANCE** (139) R Menzies 6 9-1 (CD)	Kaiya Fraser
14	(13)	/88-50	**GENEALOGY** (J40) Faye Bramley 4 9-0	C Lee
15	(10)	962511	**PRIMO LARA** (27) J Chapple-Hyam 5 8-12 (C, D)	C T Keane
16	(6)	112944	**JIMMY SPEAKING** (15) C Dwyer 5 8-10	S De Sousa
17	(17)	514	**CUFF IT** (16) R Spencer 3 8-4	S Osborne

BETTING: 11-2 Master Builder, 7 French Duke, 8 Primo Lara, Wave Rider, 10 Master Vintner,.

SWANSONG Asfoora (right) is set to retire after the 3.35

ON TRACK

David Yates with the inside news

Ground to ruin Hill start

MICHAEL BUCKLEY will be "very surprised" if conditions are suitable for Constitution Hill to make his next intended start at Windsor on Saturday week.

The 2023 Champion Hurdler, who retired from jumping in February, has not run since taking his tally on the Flat to 2-2 with a novice stakes win at Kempton in March.

Nicky Henderson had hoped to run the nine-year-old in the Listed Weatherbys Digital Solutions August Stakes in nine days' time, with Kempton's Group 3 September Stakes a week later pencilled in as a back-up plan.

But Buckley, speaking at York yesterday, said: "I will be very surprised if Windsor has enough rain to make a difference, but we'll see.

"It would need to rain for a month to make much difference to this ground. The trainer is fretting away in the south of France but the horse is fine."

THE going for the opening day of the York's Sky Bet Ebor Festival changed to good, good to soft in places as a heavy shower hit the Knavesmire before racing yesterday.

"It's sunshine and showers tomorrow and then it looks dry on Friday and Saturday," reported York clerk of the course Anthea Leigh.

FANNING TO BE A LEGEND

JOE FANNING, who announced his retirement from the saddle last month, is to make a one-off return to race-riding in the Betfred Leger Legends race at Doncaster on September 11.

"I've signed up and I'll give it a go – it will be nice to be back," said the seventh winningmost jockey in British Flat racing history, whose career was marked with a presentation during racing at York yesterday.